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BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS

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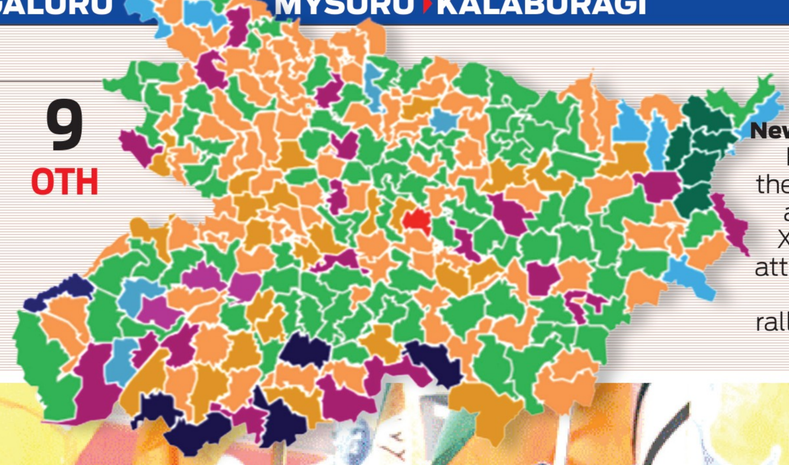
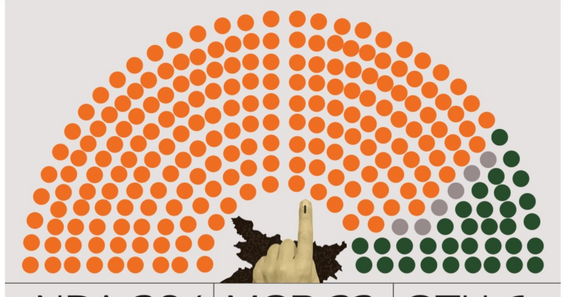
BJP	JD(U)	RJD	LJPRV	INC	AIMIM	HAMS	OTH



'Public contact, not rallies': Digvijaya's advice to Cong amid rout

New Delhi: Amid Congress' dismal performance in the Bihar elections, MP Digvijaya Singh on Friday urged the party to pay "special attention" to its organisation at the booth level, instead of public meetings. In an X post, Singh said, "@INCIndia needs to pay special attention to its organisation. Today's election is about intensive public contact at the polling booth, not rallies and public meetings. Congratulations and best wishes to the victorious candidates."

Total Seat: 243 Magic Number: 122



NDA: 204 | MGB: 33 | OTH: 6

Congress repeats pattern, sinks in Bihar

PATNA: The aggressive campaign of the INDIA bloc, popularly known as the Mahagathbandhan in Bihar, was centered around Congress leader's 'vote chori' (vote theft) allegations against the BJP, but appears to have not fallen flat with voters with the BJP-led NDA registering a historic victory in the state assembly elections 2025.Nine months after the Congress' poor electoral show in the Delhi Assembly election, the grand old party slumped to defeat in Bihar.The Congress, which could hardly secure six seats, lost to the BJP, the Janata Dal, and Chirag Paswan's LJP.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) supporters celebrate as early trends show the ruling National Democratic Alliance leading in the Bihar state assembly election results, in Patna.

NI-MO STORM SWEEPS BIHAR

Riding on BJP and JD(U) surge, Modi-led NDA takes Bihar with ease; INDIA bloc bites the dust; Bihar's fondness for 'Sushasan Babu' ensures Nitish remains in the hot seat

PATNA

Nitish Kumar, the state's longest-serving Chief Minister, is set to extend his reign for a record fifth term as the opposition has failed to strike a chord, including in key RJD bastions like Raghopur, in the 2025 Assembly elections.

The BJP-led ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has widened its margin to over 204 seats, registering a landslide victory, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the alliance's national poll mascot.

According to the Election Commission of India (EC), the BJP-led NDA has crossed the crucial majority mark with 204 seats in the 243-member Assembly, while the opposition Mahagathbandhan has collapsed in the high-stakes electoral battle with just 33 seats. This marks a dramatic fall from the 2020 election, when the opposition alliance had won 114 seats.

BIHAR Election 2025

Within the ruling alliance, the BJP has emerged as the single largest party with 89 seats. The alliance partner Janata Dal (United) secured 85 seats.

Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) made massive gains by grabbing 19 out of the 19 seats it contested, according to the EC website. Notably, Chirag Paswan's party had secured a massive 100% strike in last year's Lok Sabha elections in which it bagged all six seats it contested.

Cong bites dust

Mahagathbandhan's hopes of a comeback in Bihar took a nosedive with the RJD struggling even in its key bastions with just 25 seats, while the Congress has slipped to single-digit seats. The INC reduced to six seats while All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) secured victory in five constituencies. Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) (HAMS) won in five seats, Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RSHTLKM) (4); Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) - CPI(ML)(L) (2); Indian Inclusive Party (IIP) (1); Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPI(M) (1) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) could win in only one seat.

Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party has delivered a muted poll debut, failing to lead in any of the 243 seats it contested.

Bihar recorded a historic 67.13% turnout in the two-phase elections to its 243-member assembly on November 6 and 11, with women outnumbering men at the polls, voting 71.78% to 62.98%.

Good governance, development won: PM Modi

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi termed it a "victory of good governance" after the BJP-led NDA, under the leadership of CM Nitish Kumar of the JD(U), achieved a massive win in the Bihar assembly election 2025, results of which were coming in on Friday.

The NDA was leading on, or had won, around 200 seats in the 243-strong Bihar Vidhan Sabha, as per latest data by the Election Commission. This was its best performance ever in Bihar. "Victory of development has been achieved. Victory of the spirit of public welfare has been achieved. Victory of social justice has been achieved," PM Modi's post read. "My deepest gratitude to the family members of Bihar, who have blessed the NDA with a historic and unprecedented victory in the 2025 assembly elections. This resounding public mandate will empower us to serve the people and work with new resolve for Bihar," the PM added.

Tagging all allies of the BJP in his series of posts, the PM wrote, "The NDA has ensured all-round development of the state. The people have given us a massive majority after witnessing our track record and our vision to take the state to new heights. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to CM Nitish Kumar ji and our NDA family colleagues Chirag Paswan ji, Jitan Ram Manjhi ji, and Upendra Kushwaha ji for this resounding victory."

Top winning candidates

Name: **Sujeet Kumar**
Constituency: **Rajnagar**
Vote: **1,08,362**
Party: **BJP**

Name: **Hari Narayan Singh**
Constituency: **Harnaut**
Vote: **1,06,954**
Party: **JD(U)**

Top losing candidates

Name: **Ram Narayan Yadav**
Constituency: **Jhanjharpur**
Vote: **54,849**
Party: **CPI**

Name: **Bishwanath Chaudhary**
Constituency: **Rajgir**
Vote: **55,428**
Party: **CPI(ML)**

The NDA has ensured all-round development of the state. The people have given us a massive majority after witnessing our track record and our vision to take the state to new heights.
—Narendra Modi, PM

I assure the people of Bihar and especially our mothers and sisters that with the hope and trust with which you have given this mandate, the NDA government will fulfil it with even greater dedication.
—Amit Shah, Home Minister

With the support of all of you, Bihar will progress even further and will be included in the category of the most developed states in the country.
—Nitish Kumar, Bihar Chief Minister

This fight is for the protection of the Constitution and democracy. The Congress and the INDIA alliance will deeply review this result and make efforts to save democracy even more effective.
—Rahul Gandhi, Cong leader

IAF Pilatus trainer aircraft crashes

CHENNAI

An Indian Air Force (IAF) Pilatus PC-7 basic trainer aircraft crashed near Tambaram in Chennai on Friday while on a routine training sortie. The pilot managed to eject safely, IAF officials said A Court of Inquiry (COI) has been ordered to ascertain the cause. Indian Air Force in an X post stated, "An Indian Air Force PC-7 Mk II trainer aircraft met with an accident during a routine training mission and crashed at about 1425 Hr near Tambaram, Chennai, today. The pilot ejected safely, and no damage to civil property has been reported. A Court of Inquiry has been constituted to ascertain the cause of accident." The Indian Air Force uses Pilatus aircraft to train its young pilots during their initial training.

Finally seeing change: Shaw

NEW DELHI

Industrialist and Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, who earlier had an online spat with D K Shivakumar over Bengaluru's bad roads and garbage issue, on Friday appreciated the Karnataka Dy CM for "cleaner footpaths and asphalted roads" across the city. The businesswoman posted on X praising Shivakumar for "rescuing" Bengaluru from the "weight of garbage debris and potholes". "We are finally seeing visible change in cleaner foot paths n asphalted roads across the city. @DKShivakumar your leadership has been key in rescuing our city from collapsing under the weight of garbage debris n pot holes. Please continue to drive Please continue to drive this important development. Credit is also due to @GBAChiefComm," she wrote on X.

'Tree-mother' Thimmakka dies at 114

BENGALURU

Renowned environmentalist Saalumarada Thimmakka, famously known as the 'Tree-mother' for her lifelong dedication to planting and nurturing trees, passed away on Friday at the age of 114.

Family sources said the Padma Shri awardee had been ailing for some time and was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Bengaluru, where she breathed her last.

Born on June 30, 1911, in Gubbi taluk of Tumakuru district, Thimmakka devoted her life to nurturing trees along roadsides, treating them as her own children. She earned the name "Saalumarada", meaning 'row of trees', after planting 385 banyan trees along a 4.5 km stretch between Hulikal and Kudur in Ramanagara district, part of Bengaluru South.

Throughout her life, she received numerous awards recognizing her efforts. These included the National Citizen Award in 1995, the Indira Priyadarshini Vrikshamitra Award in 1997, the Padma Shri in 2019, the Rajyotsava Award, and the Nadoja Award. She was also honored with a doctorate from the Central University of Karnataka in 2020.

Famous for planting 385 banyan trees, she became a national symbol of grassroots conservation and received multiple honours, including the Padma Shri

In addition, Thimmakka received the Karnataka Kalpavalli Award, Godfrey Phillips Bravery Award, Pampapati Environment Award, Babasaheb Ambedkar Award, Vanamate Award, Magadi Pachichi Award, Shrimata Award, H Honnaiah Social Service Award, Karnataka Environment Award, Mahila Ratna Award, and the Vishalakshi Award from the Art of Living Organization. She was further recognized by the Karnataka Women and Child Welfare Department and the Indian Institute of Arboriculture and Technology.

Thimmakka's life remains a shining example of environmental stewardship, courage, and dedication. Her legacy of love for nature and selfless service will continue to inspire generations to come.

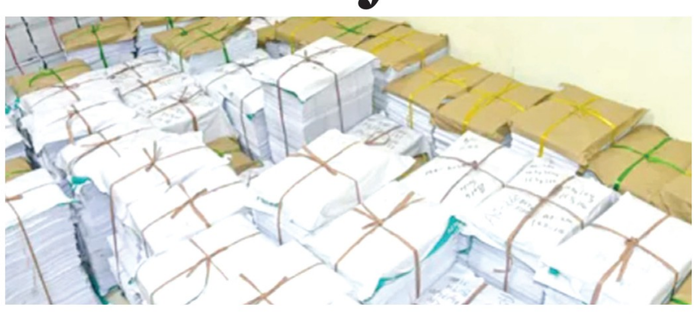
SIR PHASE II

ECI distributes 46.5 cr forms across 12 states

NEW DELHI

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has made significant progress under Phase II of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, distributing 46.50 crore Enumeration Forms (EFs) across 12 States and Union Territories as of November 12.

According to the Commission's latest daily bulletin, a total of 50.97 crore forms have been printed—marking 99.95 per cent completion—of which 91.20 per cent have already reached electors. The ongoing enumeration drive runs from November 4 to December 4.



Goa and Lakshadweep have achieved 100 per cent printing and distribution, showcasing exemplary ground-level coordination. Several other regions have also recorded impressive progress. Puducherry has distributed 93.63 per cent of its printed forms, while Andaman and Nicobar Islands have reached 96.86 per cent. Gujarat has delivered more than 4.95 crore forms, achieving 97.38 per cent coverage, and Tamil Nadu has distributed 5.62 crore forms, covering 87.66 per cent of electors. Chhattisgarh has crossed 88 per cent distribution with 1.87 crore forms delivered.

Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state by electorate, has distributed 13.74 crore forms, covering nearly 89.01 per cent of its voters. Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have reported 93.3 per cent and 95.11 per cent coverage, respectively. Poll-bound West Bengal has also made swift progress, with more than 7.40 crore forms distributed—96.66 per cent of its electorate.

To ensure comprehensive coverage, the ECI has deployed over 5.33 lakh Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and 10.41 lakh Booth Level Agents (BLAs). Political parties have been urged to appoint additional agents to improve field-level verification and enhance the accuracy of voter lists.

QUICK READ

Local Body Polls on Dec 11, Counting on December 13

Kasaragod

The local body polls in the district will be held on December 11, and the counting of votes will take place on December 13. The State Election Commission had earlier announced the two-phase election schedule. With this, the model code of conduct has come into effect in the state. District Collector Impa Shekhar has announced that the nomination process for the polls that began on November 14 and will continue until November 21. The scrutiny of nominations will take place on November 22, and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is November 24. The district will go to polls on December 11. Elections will be held for the District Panchayat, three municipalities, five block panchayats, and 39 gram panchayats, the District Collector said.

Special Prayers Offered for Dharmadhikari's Birthday

Belthangady

Special prayers were offered at the Indabettu Ardhanaareeshwara Temple for the well-being and good health of Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, whose birthday falls on November 25. The prayers were organized by the Belthangady taluk Bhajana Parishat and Gramabhivruddhi Yojane, Indabettu. The devotees prayed for Dr. Heggade's good health, happiness, and continued service to the people. Similar prayer programs will be held at various temples and Bhajana Mandali's in the taluk till November 24, under the guidance of the state Bhajana Parishat.

Youth Killed, Two Injured in Head-on Collision in Karwar

Karwar

A youth was killed and two others were seriously injured in a head-on collision between two bikes on the service road near the RTO office on National Highway in Karwar. The deceased has been identified as Chiranjeevi Kunji from Majali village. He was riding a scooter with his mother when a bike coming from the opposite direction, carrying two medical students, Lohith and Shivadharshan, collided head-on. Chiranjeevi died on the spot, while the two medical students were seriously injured. The Traffic Police Station personnel are investigating the case.

Silent Merger of Schools Raises Concerns in UK, Shivamogga Dists

According to sources, govt has identified schools with low enrollment and inadequate infrastructure within a 5-kilometer radius of the new KPS schools

KARWAR

In a move that has raised concerns among educators and local communities, the Karnataka government has reportedly prepared a list of schools to be merged with newly established Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) in Uttara Kannada and Shivamogga districts. The merger is expected to affect over 100 schools in the region.

According to sources, the government has identified schools with low enrollment and inadequate infrastructure within a 5-kilometer radius of the new KPS schools. These schools will be merged with the KPS institutions, which are being upgraded from existing high schools. The move has sparked concerns among local communities, particularly in the border areas of Uttara Kannada district. "If schools with low enrollment are merged, many Kannada schools in the border areas will be forced to shut down," said Suraj Desai, vice president of the Chittakula Gram Panchayat.

In the past year, five government schools in Karwar taluk of Uttara Kannada district had zero enrollment. This year, three schools in the same taluk are facing a similar situation. In Joida taluk, 2-3 schools have been shutting down every year due to low enrollment.

The government's decision to establish new KPS schools has been welcomed by many, but the proposed merger of existing schools has raised concerns about the impact on local communities and the future of education in the region.

In Shivamogga district, eight schools have been upgraded to KPS institutions, while seven schools in Uttara Kannada district have been selected for the upgrade. The new KPS schools are expected to start functioning from June next year.

The state government's move to establish new KPS schools is aimed at providing better educational facilities to students in rural areas. However, the proposed merger of existing schools has raised concerns about the impact on local communities and the future of Kannada medium schools in the region.

Centre Forms Expert Panel to Consider Hike in ESI Wage Ceiling

UDUPI

In a significant development, the Central Government has constituted an expert committee to consider a hike in the wage ceiling for employees to avail benefits under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme.

This move comes after Udupi-Chickmagalur MP Shri Kotta Shrinivasa Poojari submitted a memorandum to the Union Labour Minister to increase the monthly wage ceiling from Rs 21,000 to Rs 35,000.

Currently, ESI benefits are available to employees earning a monthly wage of up to Rs 21,000. However, with rising salaries, many employees in the private and semi-government sectors are being deprived of ESI benefits as their wages exceed the ceiling.

The expert committee, comprising the Chairman of the Central ESI Corporation and senior officials of the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, will submit its recommendations on the wage ceiling hike. The Union Labour Ministry will then take a decision on the matter.

According to a press release from the MP's office, the committee is expected to respond positively to the concerns of workers.

The move is seen as a significant step towards expanding the coverage of ESI benefits to more employees.

Farmers Prefer Open Market over Support Price as Paddy Prices Soar

KARWAR

With the paddy harvesting season underway in Haliyala taluk, farmers are showing a keen interest in selling their produce in the open market, where prices are higher than the minimum support price (MSP) fixed by the government.

According to sources, the MSP for normal paddy is ₹2,369 per quintal, while the MSP for grade A paddy is ₹2,389 per quintal. However, in the open market, farmers are getting ₹2,400 to ₹2,600 per quintal.

"We are getting a better price in the open market, so why should we sell our produce to the government at a lower price?" asked farmer Lakshman Lada. Another farmer, Mahadev Lada, echoed similar sentiments, saying, "We are expecting a good price for our paddy, so we have started harvesting our crop."

The Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) in Haliyala has reported a significant increase in paddy arrivals, with farmers preferring to sell their produce in the open market. "Last year, the market price ranged from ₹2,200 to ₹2,400 per quintal, and we had sold 2.40 lakh quintals of paddy through the APMC yard. This year, we are expecting even better prices," said S.S. Havannavar, secretary of the APMC.

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has set up a procurement center in Haliyala to purchase paddy from farmers at the MSP. However, so far, no farmer has registered with the procurement center. "We have fixed the MSP for paddy, but no farmer has come forward to sell their produce to us," said Dinesh Naik, manager of the FCI.

Kadaba GP Cracks Down on Stray Animals, Illegal Banners

PUTTUR

The Kadaba gram panchayat has taken a stern stance against stray animals and illegal banners in the region. In a recent meeting, the panchayat resolved to take legal action against owners who let their pets roam freely on the streets, causing nuisance to the public. The meeting, presided over by panchayat president Triveni Pallattar, discussed the issue of stray animals, including dogs, cats, cattle, and sheep, that are often seen roaming on the streets. The panchayat members decided to put up banners and issue public notices warning pet owners to keep their animals under control.

The panchayat also decided to take action against illegal banners and advertisements that have been put up without permission. The panchayat development officer, Suresh, informed the meeting that a 15-day notice had been issued to the owners of these banners to remove them.

In another issue, the panchayat discussed the problem of an unauthorized traffic circle that had been constructed at Kuttinopinadka, causing difficulties for vehicles to turn around. The panchayat decided to conduct a site inspection and take further action.

Indian Navy Launches Recruitment Center at Karwar's Kadamba Naval Base

KARWAR

In a significant development, the Indian Navy has inaugurated a recruitment center at the Kadamba Naval Base in Karwar, Karnataka. This move is expected to benefit youth from Karnataka, Goa, and southern Maharashtra.

The recruitment center, the 10th in the country, will cater to the recruitment process for various positions in the Indian Navy, including sailors and officers.

The center will also conduct training programs for selected candidates.

The establishment of the recruitment center is a result of long-standing demands from local residents, who had been seeking employment opportunities in the Indian Navy. The center is expected to provide a boost to employment opportunities in the region.

The Indian Navy has stated that the recruitment process will be transparent and fair, with a focus on selecting the best candidates. The center will also provide training and development programs to help candidates prepare for the recruitment process.

The inauguration of the recruitment center was welcomed by local residents, who expressed their gratitude to the Indian Navy for establishing the center in Karwar.

'Take Central Government Schemes to the People'

KUNDAPUR

A preparatory meeting for the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and workshop was held at the BJP office in Kundapura.

Addressing the gathering, MLA A. Kiran Kumar Kodgi emphasized the importance of disseminating comprehensive information about the central government's flagship schemes to the public.

"It is our duty to spread awareness about the central government's initiatives and make them accessible to the people. We should adopt Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and contribute to the country's development.

We must also promote the use and production of local products to achieve economic self-sufficiency," he said. BJP Mandala Samiti President Suresh Shetty Gopadi presided over the meeting.

Kadaba Taluk Benefits from Rs 224 Crore worth of Guarantee Scheme Projects

PUTTUR

The Guarantee Scheme projects launched by the state government have benefited Kadaba taluk to the tune of Rs 224 crore, according to Sudhir Kumar Shetty, chairman of the Kadaba taluk Guarantee Scheme implementation committee. Speaking at the inauguration of a special camp to address pending applications and rejections under the Guarantee Scheme, Shetty said that the projects have improved the lives of people in the taluk. He noted that 21 gram panchayats and one town panchayat in the taluk have benefited from the scheme. Under the scheme, 60,043 beneficiaries of the Gruha Jyoti program have received Rs 32 crore.

Life Imprisonment for College Canteen Worker's Murder in Moodbidri

MANGALURU

In a significant verdict, the Second Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced Chidananda Parashunaykar to life imprisonment for the murder of his colleague, Chetan, a canteen worker at a college in Moodbidri. The incident, which occurred on October 30, 2020, had been a subject of investigation for the past five years.

According to the prosecution, Chidananda and Chetan were colleagues working at the same college canteen. A dispute had arisen between them due to work-related issues. On the night of the incident, Chidananda allegedly entered the staff rest room and attacked Chetan with an iron rod, inflicting severe injuries. Despite the intervention of two others, Chidananda threatened Chetan and fled the scene.

Chetan was rushed to the hospital but succumbed to his injuries. Following the incident, Rajesh Poojary filed a complaint, leading to Chidananda's arrest. The police investigation, led by Inspector B.S. Dinesh Kumar, involved examining around 40 witnesses and collecting substantial evidence.

Public Prosecutor Jyoti Naik presented the prosecution's case, arguing for Chidananda's conviction based on the evidence. Judge Jagadish delivered the verdict, sentencing Chidananda to life imprisonment. The judgment brings closure to the case and provides justice for the victim and his family.

Bhagavad Gita is the Solution to the World's Turmoil: Rajashekharananda Swamiji

UDUPI

"The world is in turmoil today, and the solution to this turmoil is the Bhagavad Gita. The Gita is the greatest gift given by Lord Krishna to the world," said Rajashekharananda Swamiji of Gurupur Vajradehi Math.

The Swamiji was speaking at the 'Sant Sandesh' program organized by the Paryaya Puttige Math at the Rajangana of the Sri Krishna Math in Udupi on Thursday.

"The Bhagavad Gita is the supreme scripture of Hinduism. It is a difficult task to memorize and write down the slokas of the Gita, but Paryaya Puttige Math has done a great job by getting the slokas written by everyone," said the Swamiji.

Paryaya Puttige Math Swamiji Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji also spoke on the occasion. "We should offer what we like to God.

Lord Krishna likes the Bhagavad Gita, so we should all follow the Gita," he said.

"The purpose of the Gita is to attain God's love.

We have organized the Gita Mahotsava to spread the message of the Gita.

If we understand what Krishna has said in the Gita, we will be uplifted," said the Swamiji.

"Desires create unrest in the mind, and as desires increase, life becomes unbearable. Therefore, we should not burden our minds with desires," he added.

CHAOTIC TRAFFIC JUNCTION

Absence of Traffic circle: Chaos at Badiyadka

KASARAGOD

The absence of a traffic circle at the main junction in Badiyadka town has turned into a nightmare for motorists and pedestrians alike. The intersection, where the KSTP road between Kumbla and Mulleriya meets the inter-state road connecting Cherkala and Kalladka, has become a hotspot for traffic congestion and accidents. Despite being a crucial point for vehicles plying from Badiyadka, Perla, Kasaragod, Kumble, and Vidyagiri areas, the junction lacks a proper traffic regulation system. The situation is further exacerbated by the presence of a bus stand and the narrow roads, which make it challenging for vehicles to navigate.

On average, around 70 buses and numerous private vehicles pass through this junction daily, leading to haphazard movement and frequent traffic snarls. The problem is compounded by the fact that a small traffic circle that once existed here was dismantled during road redevelopment, and dividers have been installed on three sides instead.

Interestingly, a well-designed traffic circle at Meethal Bazar, just outside Badiyadka town, ensures smooth traffic flow, highlighting the need for a similar infrastructure at the Badiyadka junction. Locals are urging authorities to take immediate action and construct a traffic circle to alleviate the chaos and prevent potential accidents.

QUICK READ

Buntara Sangha Wins Top Prize in Cultural Competition

Mangaluru

The Surathkal Buntara Sangha has won the first prize in the inter-Buntara Sangha cultural dance drama competition held in Bengaluru. The event was organized by Buntara Sangha Bengaluru as part of their Diwali celebrations. The winning team received a cash prize of Rs 1,50,000 and a perpetual trophy. The drama, directed by Rajeshwari D Shetty, depicted various aspects of tribal life, cultural heritage, and mythology. The 20-minute performance featured 106 artists showcasing Bharatanatyam, Dongri dance, and other traditional forms. The award was presented by CA Ashok Shetty, President of Buntara Sangha Bengaluru, and other dignitaries.

Construction Workers' Union Meeting Held in Mangaluru

Mangaluru

A meeting of the office bearers of the Construction Workers' Union, South Kannada District Unit, was held at the district office. The meeting was presided over by Vishwanath Shetty, President of the Construction Workers' Union. In his address, Shetty emphasized the need for workers to adhere to the rules and regulations of the organization and maintain a good relationship with the labor department. Anil Kumar, President of BMS District Unit, provided guidelines for the upcoming state convention of the Construction Workers' Union to be held in Mandya.

Illegal Gas Cylinder Sale Busted in Mangaluru

Mangaluru

Officials from the Food and Civil Supplies Department cracked down on an illegal cooking gas cylinder sale operation at the Gaslight Service Centre near New Chitra Junction. A raid was conducted following a tip-off, leading to the discovery of filled LPG cylinders stored haphazardly and being sold illicitly by local resident Ashrafuddin. Empty cylinders were also found on the premises. A case has been registered at the Kadri police station, and further action is expected. The officials' swift action aims to curb such hazardous practices and ensure public safety.

Mangaluru to Get Two New Parks, Focus on Greenery and Recreation

The Kallakanda Park will be developed at a cost of Rs 2 crore, while the open space near the Kadri skating rink will be upgraded at a cost of Rs 2.50 crore

MANGALURU

In a bid to enhance recreational facilities and promote greenery, two new parks are set to be developed in the city at an estimated cost of Rs 4.50 crore.

The proposed parks will come up at Kallakanda near the Kadri skating rink, under the AMRUT scheme.

The Kallakanda Park will be developed at a cost of Rs 2 crore, while the open space near the Kadri skating rink will be upgraded at a cost of Rs 2.50 crore. The projects aim to provide better facilities for residents, including walking tracks, children's play areas, outdoor gyms, and yoga spaces.

The Kallakanda Park will feature beautification of the pond, boundary and entrance development, walking track construction, and a focus on greenery. The Kadri Park area will include rainwater harvesting, an acupressure walking track, outdoor gym, and LED lighting. Both parks will have stone pavilions, benches, dustbins, medicinal plant gardens, and CCTV cameras.

MLA Vedavyas Kamath stated that the projects will

benefit the public and provide much-needed green spaces. MLA Dr Bharath Shetty Y emphasized the importance of increasing green cover and developing parks in the area.

The city's residents have faced difficulties in finding spaces for walking and relaxation due to the limited number of parks. These new projects aim to address this issue and enhance the overall quality of life in Mangaluru.

City Port Aims High: Targets 100 MT Cargo Capacity by 2047

MANGALURU

The New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA) is set to increase its cargo handling capacity from 46 million tonnes to 100 million tonnes by 2047, as announced by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal. Speaking at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of NMPA, Sonowal highlighted the port's growth into an environmentally friendly green port with modern facilities, contributing significantly to the nation's economic sector and coastal residents' development.

Sonowal emphasized India's rapid economic growth, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making the country a global power. He noted that India has become the world's fourth-largest economy, with Mangaluru playing a crucial role in initiatives like Make in India, Digital India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The port's economic progress has seen a tenfold increase, benefiting numerous individuals and providing direct and indirect employment to nearly 30,000 people. Sonowal also mentioned plans to develop shipbuilding clusters across the country, targeting self-reliance in shipbuilding, and positioning India as a global leader in the industry.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Director General of Shipping Shyam Jagannath, and NMPA Chairman Dr Akkaraju Venkataramana. Sonowal reiterated the port's potential for maritime tourism and industrial tourism, prioritizing the development of economic resources.

International Homoeopathy Conference 'EXPLORA 2025' Inaugurated

MANGALURU

The EXPLORA 2025 international homoeopathy conference, focusing on bridging homoeopathic education, practice, and research, was inaugurated at Father Muller Convention Centre, Kankanady, Mangaluru. The three-day event, organized by Father Muller Homoeopathic Medical College (FMHMC), brought together over 1500 delegates from India and abroad.

Kamala Bai B, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of AYUSH, Government of Karnataka, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Dr. Ashley Ross from South Africa and Dr. Kim Antony Jobst from the UK were the guests of honour.

Fr. Faustine Lucas Lobo, Director of Father Muller Charitable Institutions, presided over the inaugural programme.

The conference features plenary sessions, scientific paper presentations, workshops, and panel discussions on themes like clinical research, public health integration, and innovations in homoeopathic therapeutics.

Renowned speakers from the UK, South Africa, Australia, Germany, and India will share their expertise.

As part of the conference, Explora Fiesta 2025, a vibrant celebration of food, fashion, and fun, will be held from November 14 to 16 at Father Muller Grounds, Kankanady. The event will feature performances, contests, and interactive stalls.

The conference aims to foster academic exchange, promote evidence-based research, and highlight homoeopathy's role in integrative healthcare.

Naveen D Padil Honored with Rangachavadi Award

MANGALURU

The Rangachavadi Silver Jubilee and Rangurungina Rangotsava event, organized by Rangachavadi Mangalore Cultural Association and Subhashitanagar Residents Welfare Association (Regd.) Surathkal, was held at Surathkal Bantara Bhavan. The event was inaugurated by Madhyguttu Karunakar M Shetty, Chairman of Mumbai VK Samooh Institution, Ajit Kumar Rai Maladi, President of Bantara Yane Nadavara Mathrusangha, and Aikala Harish Shetty, President of Global Bantara Sangha Federation. Naveen D Padil, a renowned actor, was honored with the prestigious Rangachavadi Award for his outstanding contributions to the field of acting.

MRPL Offers Jobs and Cash Compensation to Displaced Families

MANGALURU

The Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) has agreed to provide 436 jobs and offer cash compensation to families displaced in the fourth phase of land acquisition in Kuthethoor, Permude, and Ekkaru villages. This decision was made during a meeting attended by Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner Darshan H. V., MPs, MLAs, and MRPL officials.

The displaced families have been struggling for nine years, and this agreement marks a significant step towards resolving their issues. R&R committee member J. I. Dony Suvaris demanded immediate job allotments and rehabilitation sites, while MPs and MLAs urged officials to set clear deadlines for job appointments.

The MRPL has been directed to provide jobs within six months from the date the committee submits the approved list of job seekers. Additionally, KPT College will accept applications without requiring family tree documents or non-objection certificates. The Deputy Commissioner suggested opting for cash compensation instead of plots, citing delays in building a new rehabilitation colony.

Eligible displaced families must submit their applications by December 15. This development is seen as a positive outcome for the affected families, who have been fighting for their rights for years.

Humanity and Morality are the True Strength of the Modern Engineer: Swami Tattwamayananda

MANGALURU

Swami Tattwamayanandaji, Head of the Vedanta Society of Northern California, San Francisco, emphasized the importance of infusing humanity and morality into technology, saying that mere intellect is not enough for engineers in today's technological age.

Delivering a lecture as part of the 50th session of the "Viveka Vani" lecture series, Swamiji stressed that technology should serve humanity, not replace it.

He highlighted Swami Vivekananda's message of strength, faith, and service as a guiding light for students, and urged engineers to become Karma Yogis, combining technology with values to build a strong and devoted India.

The event, organized by the Swami Vivekananda Study Centre, Mangalore University, was attended by dignitaries including Swami Jitakamanandaji, Dr. S. S. Injaganeri, and Dr. Prashanth Rao, among others. Dr. Chandru Hegde welcomed the gathering, and Mrs. Rashmitha Girish Nishal proposed the vote of thanks. Swamiji's lecture emphasized the need for moral progress alongside economic progress, warning that without it, society will face inequality and instability. He urged the youth to strive for a balance between technology and values, making engineering a sacred responsibility towards nation-building.

Dakshina Kannada Cooperative Leaders Receive 'Sahakari Ratna' Award

MANGALURU

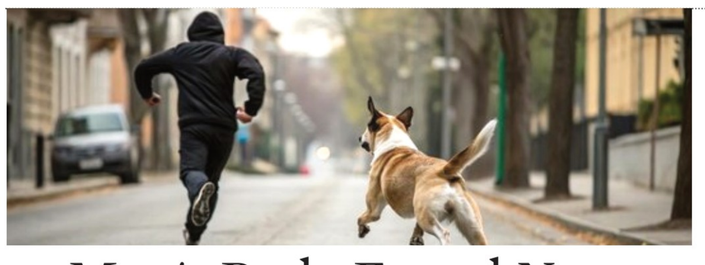
Three prominent cooperative sector leaders from Dakshina Kannada, Bhaskar S. Kotyan, Satish K. Kashipatna, and T.G. Rajarama Bhat, have been selected for the prestigious 'Sahakari Ratna' award presented by the Karnataka State Cooperative Federation.

Bhaskar S. Kotyan, Director of the Dakshina Kannada District Central Cooperative Bank and President of the Beluvai Cooperative Agricultural Society, has been recognized for his long-standing service and significant contributions to the cooperative sector. He has also played a key role in resolving challenges faced by the Kambala sport and currently chairs the Dakshina Kannada Kambala Discipline Committee.

Satish K. Kashipatna, President of the Peradi Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Society, has been selected for his outstanding work in the cooperative sector. He serves as Director of the Dakshina Kannada Cooperative Union and President of the Beltangady Cooperative Marketing Society, among other positions.

T.G. Rajarama Bhat, a veteran in the cooperative sector, has been honored for his contributions since 1988. He has served as Director of the Dakshina Kannada District Central Cooperative Bank and is the founding president of several cooperative societies, including Gayathri Credit Cooperative Society and Mangaluru Farmers' Producer Organisation.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will confer the awards on November 14 during the Akhila Bharata Sahakara Saptaha event in Bengaluru.



Man's Body Found Near Home, Dog Attack Suspected

MANGALURU

The body of a 60-year-old man was found near his home in Kumpala, Ullal taluk, on Friday, with suspected dog attack injuries.

The deceased, identified as Dayanand Gatti, was on a morning walk when the incident occurred. Locals reported seeing him walking near the Kumpala bypass around 3 am, and his body was later found with severe injuries.

The police suspect that a stray dog may have attacked Gatti, as there were signs of animal bites on his body. A dog was seen near the scene with bloodstains on its mouth, and locals reported that it was behaving aggressively.

"The dog was sitting near the body and refused to move even when we tried to shoo it away," said Vinod Kumpala, a local shop owner. "It had bloodstains all over its body, and there were signs of blood near the scene."

Forensic experts have confirmed that the death was caused by animal attack. The police have registered a case of unnatural death and are investigating the incident.

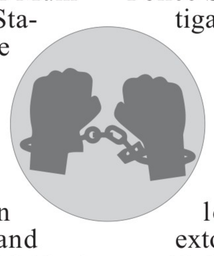
The incident has raised concerns about stray dog attacks in the area, and locals are demanding measures to control the stray dog population.

Woman Falls Victim to "Digital Arrest" Scam, Loses Rs 1.81 Cr

MANGALURU

A shocking incident of cybercrime has been reported in Mangaluru, where a woman was duped of Rs 1,81,50,000 under the guise of a "digital arrest".

The scammers, posing as police officials from Mumbai's Kolala Police Station, accused the woman of involvement in money laundering and human trafficking.



The woman was initially contacted on her mobile phone and was told that a complaint had been filed against her. The scammers then made her write a letter and send it to a WhatsApp number, claiming it was part of the investigation. Two individuals, Vinod Rathod and Rajesh Mishra, introduced themselves as police officers and conducted a video call, asking her to disclose her bank account details.

Believing the scammers, the woman transferred Rs 1,81,50,000 through RTGS from October 28 to November 11. The incident has been reported to the Cyber Police Station, and an investigation is underway.

This case highlights the growing threat of cybercrime, where scammers use fake government documents and psychological pressure to extort money from innocent individuals.

The Navi Mumbai Police have issued a public advisory, warning citizens that there is no such thing as a "digital arrest" and that government authorities do not conduct investigations or arrests over phone calls or WhatsApp messages.

DAKSHINA KANNADA BRIDGES

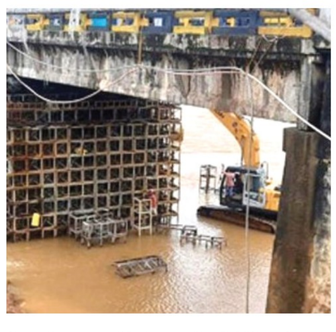
Dakshina Kannada Begins Rehabilitation of Dilapidated Bridges

MANGALURU

The rehabilitation work of several old and weakened bridges across Dakshina Kannada district has finally commenced, bringing relief to residents and commuters.

A total of 25 bridges, including 8 on state highways and 17 on major district roads, have been identified for restoration, with an estimated budget of Rs 11.65 crore.

The decision follows concerns over the safety of several key bridges, including those at Polali, Palimaru, and Malavoor, which had become structurally weak. A technical committee was formed to assess the situation, and its report revealed that 27 bridges across the district were in a deteriorated condition, requiring immediate rehabilitation.



The Polali Bridge, an important link connecting Mangaluru and BC Road, has been taken up for repair, with work underway at a cost of Rs 6.10 crore.

The bridge had been restricted to vehicular movement last year, causing inconvenience to residents and students commuting to Mangaluru. The Palimaru Bridge, a key connector between Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts, had been closed to vehicular movement due to its poor condition.

A technical report deemed restoration unfeasible, and the department has decided to construct a new bridge at an estimated cost of Rs 16 crore.

The Public Works Department (PWD) has strictly prohibited sand mining beneath bridge structures, citing concerns over weakening of pillars. Controlled sand removal upstream is acceptable for maintaining water flow, but mining directly under bridges is strictly banned.

The rehabilitation work is expected to provide relief to commuters and residents, and improve connectivity in the region. The PWD has assured that work will gain pace soon, despite delays due to rain.

QUICK READ

Narayana Guru Awards celebrate excellence in K'taka

Bengaluru

The Karnataka Backward Classes Recognized Editors and Reporters Association announced the recipients of the Narayana Guru Award. This year's honorees include Saroja Bannappa from the Co-operative Sector, H.R. Jayaram and Amita Anand from the Social Service Sector, Dr. Nagesh Basavaraja from the Medical Sector, and Pundalik Kalliganura from the Complex Sector. The awards recognize outstanding contributions in their respective fields. The ceremony is scheduled for November 23 at 11 am in the auditorium of Green Path Hotel. The event aims to honor dedication, service, and excellence, inspiring others to contribute meaningfully to society.

B'luru launches mega mass cleanliness drive today

Bengaluru

Bengaluru Central City Corporation will conduct a large-scale cleanliness drive on from 5:30 am on November 15. Officials and staff from Engineering, Solid Waste Management, Horticulture, and Forest departments will cover 14.7 km across six divisions, including Shantinagar, C.V. Raman Nagar, Shivajinagar, Gandhinagar, Chickpet, and Chamarajpet. Key areas like major roads, arterial routes, and densely populated streets will be cleaned under supervision of Executive Engineers and Deputy General Managers, with support from traffic police. The drive emphasizes urban hygiene, community well-being, and coordinated civic action, aiming to keep Bengaluru cleaner and healthier for all residents.

City traffic goes out of gear after woman driver clash

Bengaluru

Chaos broke out near Baiyappanahalli, Bengaluru, when a woman on a scooter collided with an auto rickshaw on a bridge leading to Swami Vivekananda Metro Station. The woman was reportedly driving on the wrong side, triggering the minor accident. She argued aggressively with the auto driver, ignoring traffic police intervention, causing nearly a 1 km traffic jam. Netizens criticized her behavior, calling for strict penalties and vehicle towing for such violations. The incident highlights the importance of civic sense and road discipline, with online users demanding harsher enforcement to prevent similar disruptions in the city's busy traffic.

Nehru the true builder of modern India: CM

'The future of the country depends on young minds who think scientifically and act with good values'

BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that some people speak negatively about Jawaharlal Nehru even though they never took part in the freedom struggle.

He called Nehru the true builder of modern India while speaking at the Children's Day celebration and parent-teacher meeting held at the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha.

He told students that the future of the country depends on young minds who think scientifically and act with good values. He urged children to stay away from ignorance and corruption from an early age. He also reminded everyone that Nehru believed children would shape India's tomorrow, which is why he focused strongly on education. The Chief Minister said the government has given top priority to education, allocating ₹65,000 crore for the sector.

Siddaramaiah highlighted that Nehru spent more than 3,200 days in jail during the freedom movement, even though he came from a wealthy family. As India's first Prime Minister, Nehru laid the foundation for progress in agriculture, science, irrigation, and technology. He was behind major institutions and industries, including IITs, AIIMS, and large dam projects. Siddaramaiah criticized those who supported the British instead of joining the independence struggle, yet now blame Nehru and Gandhi.

He reminded children, teachers, and parents that Nehru dreamed of a nation led by curious, intelligent, and scientific thinkers. Many talented students come from poor families and government schools, he said, adding that 900 new Karnataka public schools are being opened this year.

He urged people to reject discrimination based on caste, religion, or language and protect India's unity in diversity. The government is providing many facilities—Indira Kits, shoes, uniforms, eggs, bananas, textbooks, and scholarships—so that every child can learn with dignity. Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa and officials also attended the event.

Women should step forward in every field: Min

BENGALURU

Women should step forward in every field, and supportive platforms must continue to grow to help them succeed, said Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar at the 4th CII Conference on Women's Workplace held in Bengaluru. Speaking to a gathering of women entrepreneurs, she praised the CII for creating opportunities that encourage women to build their own careers and businesses.

The minister highlighted that her department has already launched several programmes aimed at promoting women entrepreneurs and ensuring they receive the guidance and support they need. She noted how times have changed, explaining that earlier many women worked quietly behind the scenes, often helping their husbands in business. Today, she said, women are stepping into leadership roles on their own and starting successful ventures across sectors. This shift, she added, reflects the growing strength and confidence of women in modern India.

Lakshmi Hebbalkar highlighted that her department has already launched several programmes aimed at promoting women entrepreneurs and ensuring they receive the guidance and support they need.

Sharing her own experience, Minister Hebbalkar said she manages two factories and understands the challenges women face when starting or expanding a business. One of the biggest hurdles, she explained, is accessing bank loans, as financial institutions often demand high account balances or strong collateral. She encouraged women not to be discouraged by these obstacles and reminded them that courage is the most important ingredient for success.

The conference saw participation from women entrepreneurs from within Karnataka and other states. Many attendees shared their experiences, challenges, and achievements, turning the event into an inspiring platform for networking and learning. The gathering also reinforced the growing belief that women's leadership is essential for India's progress and that stronger institutional support can help unlock even greater potential in the years ahead.

Christ University students transform school into vibrant learning hub

BENGALURU

The Annahalli Government Anganwadi and High School in Ramanagara Taluk has received a bright new makeover after first-year architecture students from Christ University carried out a thoughtful design project. Their work turned old corridors and classrooms into colourful, welcoming places that help children learn better.

The students visited the school many times before starting the project. They observed how classes worked, understood the needs of teachers and children, and planned simple but meaningful improvements. On November 3 and 4, they painted lively wall graphics, built helpful teaching models, and fixed small issues across the campus. They also reorganised spaces and upgraded the kitchen furniture to support better hygiene and daily use.

Principal Srinivasa K. V. said the new environment has already made students more cheerful and motivated. The bright colours, neat spaces, and creative models have improved the school's daily atmosphere.

Faculty member Prof. Nimisha Varghese, who guided the project, said the work taught students an important lesson: architecture is not just about designing buildings but about understanding people's needs. She shared that watching the children's joyful reactions was the most rewarding moment.

The project was supported by faculty members Prof. Vipin Wilson, Prof. Shynu Robert, Prof. Rashmi S., and Prof. Lakshmi Swaminathan. The hands-on experience helped students see how small design changes can make a big difference to a community. It also showed them how their skills can bring positive change to schools that need support. This experience will guide their future work as responsible designers everywhere.

Karnataka opens loans, subsidies for Christians

BENGALURU

The Karnataka Christian Community Development Corporation (KCCDC) has invited members of the Christian community to apply online for loans and subsidies under various schemes for the year 2025-26. The announcement aims to support entrepreneurship, education, and skill development within the community. The schemes open for applications include the Shramshakti Loan/Subsidy Scheme, Shramshakti Special Women's Loan/Subsidy Scheme, Taxi and Goods Vehicle Purchase Subsidy Scheme, Vocational Promotion Loan/Subsidy Scheme, Christian Community-Based Skill Development Training Scheme, Foreign Education Loan Scheme, Arivu Education Loan Scheme, Ganga Kalyan Scheme, Business Enterprise/Direct Loan Scheme, and Subsidy Scheme for Women Self-Help Groups.

Interested applicants can submit their forms online at www.kccdclonline.karnataka.gov.in before the deadline of November 30, 2025. The programs are designed to empower community members by providing financial support for education, business ventures, skill training, and women-led initiatives.

GBA CHO calls for building pneumonia-free society

BENGALURU

Dr Sirajuddin Madani, GBA Chief Health Officer, called on officials and the community to join efforts in creating a "pneumonia-free society" in Bengaluru. The appeal came during the launch of a pneumonia awareness programme at H. Siddaiah Road Referral Hospital, marking World Pneumonia Day.

Pneumonia is a severe infection affecting people of all ages, from young children to the elderly. Dr. Madani highlighted that vaccination, hygiene, proper nutrition, and timely treatment are the most effective ways to prevent the disease.

Pediatrician Dr. Vinuta emphasized the importance of raising awareness at the community level, particularly among pregnant women, mothers, and children, as part of preventive healthcare initiatives. Medical Superintendent Dr. Bharathi assured that pneumonia detection, treatment, and public awareness would continue with the full cooperation of hospital staff.

The programme included Information-Communication-Education (ICE) sessions on pneumonia symptoms, emergency care, pneumococcal vaccination for children, and preventive measures for pregnant women and infants. Officials stressed the importance of community participation in reducing the disease burden.

District RHC Officer Dr. Kalavathi, H. Siddaiah Road UPHC Dr. Bhumika, along with all hospital and UPHC staff, participated in the event. The health department reaffirmed its commitment to working with the community to promote vaccination, early treatment, and preventive care to achieve a healthier, pneumonia-free society.

Bengaluru to celebrate National Press Day on Nov 17

BENGALURU

Bengaluru is all set to celebrate National Press Day on November 17, 2025. The event is being organized by the Karnataka Media Academy, the Department of Information and Public Relations, and the Press Club of Bangalore. The program will start at 11:00 am at the Press Club premises on Cubbon Park Road. The celebration will be inaugurated by Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader Farid and Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development M.B. Patil. Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad will preside over the function.

Chief Minister's Media Advisor K.V. Prabhakar and Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha MP P.C. Mohan will attend as the chief guests. Retired NDTV editor Nupur Basu and senior journalist and author Dr. R. Poornima will deliver the keynote addresses, sharing their experiences and insights into journalism.

Secretary to the Chief Minister B.B. Kaveri, Commissioner of Information and Public Relations Hemant M. Nimbalkar, and Press Club Bangalore President R. Sridhar will also attend as honorary guests.

BJP workers celebrate Bihar NDA poll triumph

BENGALURU

BJP leaders and supporters in Bengaluru came together this afternoon to celebrate the party's stunning victory in the Bihar Assembly Elections. The celebration took place near the BJP State Office at Jagannath Bhavan, drawing a large gathering of party workers and leaders.

Prominent attendees included Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok, Legislative Council Leader Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, Chief Whip N. Ravikumar, State General Secretary P. Rajeev, Rajya Sabha member Lehar Singh Siroya, MLA Dr. Chandru Lamani, Cement Manjunath, former MLA M.D. Lakshminarayan, former MP Dr. Umesh Jadhav, State Vice President N. Mahesh, State Secretary Sharanu Tarikeri, and leaders from various Morchas, including Bangaru Hanumanthu and Umesh Karajol. District Presidents S. Harish and Saptagiri Gowda were also present.

The atmosphere was vibrant, with activists raising slogans such as "Today Bihar, tomorrow Karnataka," "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," and "Narendra Modiji Ki Jai." Supporters danced enthusiastically, waving party flags, and chanting, "Wherever you look, you see BJP." Sweets were distributed among attendees as part of the celebrations.

Party leaders said the event was a way to share the joy of Bihar's win and to strengthen unity among Karnataka cadres. Citizens and activists expressed their excitement, promising to continue working toward similar success in the state.

The celebration highlighted the party's strong grassroots presence and the enthusiasm of its supporters in Karnataka, marking the Bihar victory as a moment of pride for BJP members across the country.

Kengeri MLA accelerates development projects for residents

BENGALURU

MLA S. T. Somashekar has promised faster development in Yeshwantpur assembly constituency, aiming to meet the expectations of local residents. He made the statement while launching new road and drainage projects in Megalabeedi Dr. Vishnuvardhan Circle of Kengeri ward and Vinayak Nagar in Bandemath ward.

Speaking at the event, Somashekar said that education and basic facilities are being given top priority. He added that the focus is on building good roads in every village, supplying clean drinking water, and providing better learning opportunities for students in rural areas.

"The people's comfort and progress are our main goal. Development should touch every household and benefit every resident," the MLA said.

Several local leaders were present to witness the launch, including Kengeri Block President Mylasandra Nagaraj, former Zilla Panchayat member Shivamadaya, Ward President T. Prabhakar, former Vice President Aman Ullah, Vice Presidents Mahendra Kiran and Lohit, along with community leaders Mahesh Babu, Dr. Anupama Panchakshari, Krishnappa, K.R. Murthy, K.Y. Krishna, and Latha.

PHONE-IN PROGRAMME

BNCC chief acts swiftly on citizen complaints

BENGALURU

Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar held a Phone-In Programme today at 7:00 am from the Byatarayanapura Control Room on Amruthahalli Main Road to directly listen to citizen grievances.

During the session, 46 complaints were registered, covering issues from road repairs and waste management to streetlights, parks, and urban planning. Thirteen complaints were related to potholes and road maintenance. The Commissioner confirmed that day-and-night pothole-filling work is already underway and instructed engineering teams to expedite work at critical locations while maintaining quality standards.

Eight complaints concerned improper waste collection and disposal. The Commissioner directed officials to act immediately and ensure timely collection and proper disposal across all wards. Other issues included streetlight maintenance (3), dangerous trees (2), health and sanitation (2), park upkeep (3), traffic concerns (1), animal husbandry (3), stormwater drains (1), E-Khata services (2), and urban planning matters (3).

Citizens expressed their gratitude to the Commissioner, praising the ongoing development efforts and timely resolution of public issues.

Commissioner Sunil Kumar reiterated his commitment to directly engage with the public. To ensure continuous monitoring and quick resolution of civic concerns, the Phone-In Programme will continue every Friday, providing residents a platform to voice grievances and receive prompt attention from the Corporation.

This initiative reflects Bengaluru North City Corporation's focus on citizen-centric governance and timely implementation of developmental projects, ensuring safer roads, cleaner streets, and improved public services.

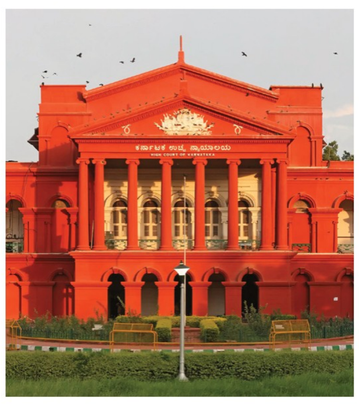
SUBMIT DETAILED REPORT ON DISABILITIES ACT: HC TO STATE

The Karnataka High Court has directed the State government to submit a detailed report on the implementation of the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act, 2016.

BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court on Friday directed the State government to file a comprehensive report within six weeks detailing the status of implementation of the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Poonacha issued notice on a plea alleging the State's failure to comply with Sections 17, 24, 34, 35, 37, and 88 of the Act. The court ordered the government to provide a detailed report on steps taken under the said provisions.



Section 17 mandates the government to ensure inclusive education in institutions it funds. This includes conducting surveys every five years, establishing and staffing teacher training institutions, providing necessary learning aids, resource centres, scholarships, and curriculum modifications.

Under Section 24, the government is required to create schemes to safeguard and promote independent living for persons with disabilities. Section 34 requires 4% reservation in government jobs, including specific allocations for various disabilities. Section 35 mandates incentives for private employers to ensure at least 5% of their workforce comprises persons with benchmark disabilities.

Section 37 stipulates 5% reservation for persons with disabilities in agricultural land allotment, developmental schemes, and concessional land allotment for housing. Section 88 calls for the creation of a dedicated state fund for persons with disabilities.

The plea seeks the establishment of additional special schools and accessible infrastructure, registration of teachers under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992, and creation of vocational training centres. It also requests enhancement of disability pensions to Rs 10,000, free bus travel, increased funding for assistive technologies under the ADIP scheme, and issuance of Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards to eligible persons.

Advocate Pradeep Nayak, representing the petitioner, argued that the State had not effectively implemented the Act, undermining the constitutional rights of persons with disabilities.

District panchayats celebrate Children's Day with sports

CHIKKAPALLAPUR

District Panchayats celebrated Children's Day with sports competitions across 157 schools, involving over 5,300 students, awarding ₹18.84 lakh in prizes.

The district witnessed a grand celebration of sports and cultural activities as 157 Zilla Panchayats organized events for children across various schools. On Children's Day, competitions in four major games were conducted in all Panchayat-run schools, engaging students from rural and urban areas.

A total of 5,300 children participated district-wide, with 3,000 in primary schools, 2,000 in upper primary, and 1,000 in high schools. Winners were awarded cash prizes totaling ₹18,84,000, along with certificates of appreciation and recognition for their achievements.

The events were meticulously planned and executed under the supervision of District Panchayat officials, led by Deputy Director V.L. Navin Bhatt. District Panchayat CEO N. Bhuniraj, local Panchayat officials, and elected representatives actively participated in organizing and monitoring the competitions. The games aimed to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship among school children. Special arrangements ensured smooth conduct of events, and officials Anand Y., along with other Panchayat officers, were present to oversee the programs.

Officials emphasized that such sports activities not only enhance physical and mental well-being but also encourage participation in cultural and social events, fostering holistic development. District Panchayat authorities also highlighted their commitment to ensuring equal opportunities for students across all Panchayat-run schools.

The day concluded with prizes and recognition distributed to students, reinforcing the importance of sports and extracurricular activities in shaping young minds and encouraging community engagement. The initiative reflects the Panchayat's efforts to integrate education with physical development, health awareness, and community participation.

Parents' role crucial in children's growth: ZP CEO Dr. S. Akash

CHITRADURGA

District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dr. S. Akash emphasized that children need consistent effort and guidance to achieve their dreams. He spoke at the Children's Day celebration and Parents-Teachers Grand Meeting held at the Government Senior Primary School, Kavadigara Hatti, inaugurating the event by paying floral tribute to Jawaharlal Nehru's portrait.

Dr. Akash highlighted that parents' encouragement during childhood significantly shapes a child's mindset and paves the way for future achievements. He urged parents to actively support both the mental and physical development of their children and to participate in monthly school meetings after enrollment to discuss learning progress and provide feedback. Such engagement, he said, strengthens the connection between home and school, enhancing educational outcomes.

He further noted that government initiatives, including free uniforms, textbooks, midday meals, scholarships, and supplementary nutrition programs, support children's overall growth. However, to fully benefit, parents must enroll children in government schools and ensure daily attendance.

Dr. Akash stressed the importance of evaluating learning by discussing school activities with children, rewarding achievements, and collaborating with teachers. Monthly SMC meetings should focus on academic progress and school development, with teachers striving for 100% attendance and active learning enhancement.

The program saw participation from SMC President S. Kumar, Deputy Directors of School Education M.R. Manjunath and Nasiruddin, DVPIC Venkateshappa, DIET Senior Lecturer S. Nagabhushan, Taluk Education Officer Girija, Field Coordinator Sampathkumar, Gram Panchayat member N. Prabhu, and Headmaster Rudramuni.

Bihar voters bless NDA, says MP Raghavendra

SHIVAMOGGA

MP B.Y. Raghavendra said the people of Bihar have given a clear mandate in favour of the NDA, completely rejecting the Mahagathbandhan. Speaking to reporters, he noted that even top leaders of the opposition alliance were defeated in their own constituencies, which shows the strong support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies and programmes among Bihar's voters.

He alleged that the Congress party, which ruled the country for 65 years, often won elections through vote manipulation. This time, he claimed, the Election Commission's strict measures exposed their practices, deleting around 43 lakh invalid votes while adding genuine new voters to the rolls. Raghavendra expressed confidence that the NDA would continue its winning streak in future elections as well.

He added that the Congress is now facing the consequences of years of appeasement politics pursued in the name of inherited governance.

Scheduled power outage

CHIKKAPALLAPUR

The Chikkapallapur substation of the 220/66 kV electricity grid has announced a scheduled power shutdown affecting several areas. The 220 kV power line will supply electricity through 66/11 kV substations. Due to maintenance work at these substations, electricity will be temporarily disrupted. On November 16, from 10 am to 1 pm, power supply from the 66/11 kV substations will be unavailable. Residents and establishments in areas including Diffu, Galla, Bhayalu, Angirala, Dalsahthan, Hulivalkana, Raldigal, S. Galle, Kaltna, Nahasatibmana, Inammanchana, Klugunta, Nalegutusa, and nearby localities will experience interruptions. Officials have warned that electricity-dependent activities may be affected and requested the public to plan accordingly. The outage is part of routine maintenance to ensure efficient power distribution. Chikkapallapur Electric Division Engineer, Yamesh Kumar P.G., confirmed the details and urged residents to take precautions during the power cut.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large **Mrs. Mubark Begum W/O Shafi Ulla Khan,** Residing at No. 53/2, 5th Cross Railway Paralle Road, Harijana Colony, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560022 she has lost the Registered Original Sale Deed of Doc No.455-1985-86 dated on 03-06-1985 he has lost at Near Yaswanthpura bus stop Accordingly he has lodged the complainant on Bangalore City Police with E-Lost dated 12/11/2025 Report No.1898507/2025.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing No.85A, khatha/ Assessment No. 1471/1281/40,E - Pid - No 6-2-629 -85A.Situated at 1st A Main Road CMC, Municipal Layout and APMC Yard, 1st Division Ward No.6, Chikkaballapura, measuring East to West 12.192024 Mtrs, and North to South: 9.144018 Mtrs Totally measuring 111.4836 Sq. Mtrs, bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** House built on Plot No.52, **North by:** House built on Plot No.41, **South by:** House built on Plot No.39. If anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to handover the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.

HARISHA S, Advocate
No.2,1st Floor Byranna Building,
Madanayakanahalli, Bengaluru-562162
Mobile No.90609 50265.

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ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಮೃಗಾಲಯ
ಮೈಸೂರು – 570010
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ಸಂ.: ಎಂಬೈಜೆಪ್/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.11.2025 & ದಿ:14.11.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು 1) ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–3ರ Indent No. 137/25–26 Dt.13.11.2025 2) ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1ರ Indent No. 138/25–26 Dt.14.11.2025 ಅನ್ವಯ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಮೃಗಾಲಯ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

DIPR/MYS/1230/SA/2025-26

CHANGE OF NAME

I KURUVA NIRMALA W/O LATE KURUVA NINGANNA R/O No 10, 2nd Cross, Gangondanahalli, Lakshmipur, Bangalore, Karnataka562123, have changed the name of my minor daughter GONEGANDLA BHAGYA aged 14 years and she shall hereafter be known as BHAGYASHREE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I LAKSHMAMMA W/O THIMMEGOWDA, R/O Muduguppe, K R Nagara, Taluku, Meluru, Karnataka-571604, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KEMPAMMA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I SHRIKANT JAGATAP S/O ARJUNARAO JAGATAP, R/O Dyampur, Koppal, Karnataka - 583232, have changed the name of my minor son RAGHAVENDRA RAO aged 11 years and he shall hereafter be known as NANDAN VIRAJ JAGATAP.

Government of Karnataka
General Hospital Holenarasipura
No: GH/HNP/Diet/01/2025-26 Date:13/11/2025

Diet Tender notification

Tender were invited through e-Procurement to Supply of Ready Meals(Vegetarian) and Bread to Inpatients for the FY 2025-26. For these two Hospitals with total number of 350 beds,(General hospital 250 beds and Mother and Children's Hospital(MCH) 100 beds) Tender Documents can be submitted Through KPPP Portal from Date: 13/11/2025. Last date for receipt of tender documents: 28/11/2025 at 04:30PM. More details will be available at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

sd/-Surgeon, General Hospital,
Holenarasipura, Hassan Dist.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/763/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

Government of Karnataka
BENGALURU URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYAT
O/o Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division,
First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road,
Banashankari (Near Banashankari Temple) Bengaluru-560070.

No.EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/11/2025-26 Date: 12.11.2025

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Tenders are invited through e-procurement for Two Numbers of scrap vehicles. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before **27.11.2025 up to 4.00 pm.**For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (RWSSD/2025-26/AUCTION4250)**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
RDW&S Division, Bengaluru Urban Dist, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/Shirdi Sai/3809/2025-26

NAME CHANGE

I, **ARSHIA. A** , W/o. Mohammed Farooq, resident of No. 4, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Vishvaswara Nagar, Opp. New Bright School, D.J. Halli, Bangalore - 560045, have changed my name to **ARSHIA,** Vide Affidavit Dated 12.11.2025 before notary CHANDRASHEKAR .M, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **YASIR ARFATH MUSHTAQ**, S/o. Haji Mushtaq Ahmed Shariff, Resident of No. 39, Cock Burn Road, Opp HBS Hospital, Shivajiangar, Bengaluru, Karnataka, have changed my name to **YASIR ARFATH**, vide affidavit dated: 14.11.2025 before notary MEER HASSAN, Bengalru.

NAME CHANGE

We, **MUNEER AHMED H N AND JABEEN TAJ**, Resident of No. 12/3, 1st Maim, 3rd Cross, L R Bande Main Road, Appajiappa Layout, Shampura, A C Post, Bengaluru -560045, Karnataka, have changed our minor son's name from **HUSSAIN AHMED** to **HUSSAIN AHMED M**, vide affidavit dated: 14.11.2025 before notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **ABDUL AFIZ NAZEER AHAMED** S/o. Abdul Afiz resident of No. 424, Rajiv gandhi Nagar Behind Nithyananda School Anekal Jigani Po Bengaluru - 560105, have changed my name to **A NAZEER AHAMED** Vide Affidavit Dated : 14.11.2025 before notary R BASAVARAJA, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

We, **MUNEER AHMED H N AND JABEEN TAJ**, Resident of No. 12/3, 1st Maim, 3rd Cross, L R Bande Main Road, Appajiappa Layout, Shampura, A C Post, Bengaluru -560045, Karnataka, have changed our minor son's name from V**AZEER AHMED** to **M VAZEER AHMED**, vide affidavit dated: 14.11.2025 before notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **SHOAIB KHAN** , S/o. Ibrahim Khan, Resident of No 4,1st Cross Tippu Nagar Chamarajpet Bengaluru Dist,560018, have changed my name to **SHOHEB KHAN**, vide affidavit dated: 14.11.2025 before notary B.A. LAKSHMINARAYANA RAO, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **MUNEER AHMED**, S/o. Vazeer Ahmed Sab H P, Resident of No. 12/3, 1st Maim, 3rd Cross, L R Bande Main Road, Appajiappa Layout, Shampura, A C Post, Bengaluru -560045, Karnataka, have changed my name to **MUNEER AHMED H N**, vide affidavit dated: 14.11.2025 before notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **JAMSHIDA BEGUM**, W/o. Syed Amjad Pasha, Resident of No, 261, Nalbandvadi Road Tiptur Town Tumakuru Dist, 572201, have changed my name to **JAMSHIDA BEGAM**, vide affidavit dated: 14.11.2025 before notary B.A. LAKSHMINARAYANA RAO, Bengaluru.

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I, MOHAMMED NOORULLA, S/o. Abdul Jabbar, aged about 52 years, residing at No.5, 2nd Cross, Arekempanahalli, Opposite 10th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore 560 027, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:
I further declare that my son MASSAB NOOR has studied 10th std., at Bishop Cotton Boys School, Residency Road, Bangalore - 560 025, and my son has passed SSLC during the year 2024 and vide Unique ID NO. 8112755 and I have lost my son 10th Class. Original Marks Card. while traveling and the same could not be traced. I hereby affirm that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, belief, and information. Vide affidavit dated: 13.11.2025, before Notary R. BASAVARAJA, Bengaluru.

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಲೋ.ಇ. ಪೂರಕ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 001. ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–22133370.
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 35/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.11.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ **ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ 04 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ (ರೂ. 6.00 to 16.30 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ)** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ **ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕವನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.** (1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.11.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ ಯವರೆಗೆ.** (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.11.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದೆ ತಿಳಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ. **ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಉನಿ–ಸಿ.ಪಿ/3796/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Ramanagara Division
Bengaluru South District

No. EE/PWD/RD/TND-10-1/2025-26 Date : 14.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender Notification No. 10/2025-26 Dated:09.10.2025, invited from qualified contractors for the works through KPP portal as per standard bid document is being extended due to technical reasons. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Documents may be downloaded from : **21.11.2025** & Last date for submission of tenders **Dt: 20.12.2025 up to 16.00 hours**. Date of opening of Technical bid **Dt: 22.12.2025 at 11.00 hours** (if possible). Tender processing fees & EMD as per KPP Portal. No of **works 01,** Estimate Cost **Rs. 6350.00 lakhs.** For more information contact the above office during office hours.

Note: Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in KPP-Portal Only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD Ramanagar Division, Bengaluru South District

DIPR/SAD/444/SA/2025-26

Govt of Karnataka
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD DIVISION, SEDAM
No: EE/PWD/Dvn/Sed/TS-1/2025-26/2049 Dated: 12.11.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Details of Work: 1. Total no of work -02 in under Chittapur Indent No's are 23235, 23236, 2) Head of Account : Under 5054 MDR Improvements For the year 2025-26. 3) Amount put to tender Lowest Estimate cost : **Rs. 970.00 Lakhs,** Highest Estimate Cost **Rs.990.00 Lakhs,** 4) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-I Contractor and above, 5) Pre Bid Meeting Date : **22.12.2025, Morning 11.30 Hrs**, 6) Date and time for tender Queries of tenders : **24.12.2025 - 17.30 Hrs**, 7) Tender form fee & EMD Amount : Tender Processing fee & EMD as per e-portal, 8) Last date & time for receipt of tender : **26.12.2025 - 16.00 Hrs,** 9) Date & time for Opening of Technical Bid : **29.12.2025 -16.30 Hrs)**, 10) Date and time for Opening of Financial Bid : **31.12.2025 16.30 Hrs**, 11) Communication Address : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Sedam.12) Internet Address : **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** 13) If any changes for Cancelation : Any Changes and cancelations are done in **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

NOTE : 1) The Undersigned has to power to /Postponement/ Rejecting the tender, 2) If any changes are there in upcoming days these tenders are not published in tender bulletin it should be read in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
PWD Divison, Sedam

DIPR/Kalaburagi/708/2025-26/Deshpande Publicity

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ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)

Executive Engineer, PRE Division, Vijayapura has invited e-tender for the works under the 5054 SCP/TSP Grant, 5054 CM Special Grant and Other Department Grant Scheme for the year 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26, Work Indent No: RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT20267, 20263, 20265, 20318, 20320, 20305, 20240 & 16188/Call-3) for General Bidders, RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT20321) for SC Bidders, RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT20314 for CAT-II(A) Bidders, Rs. 6.00 Lakhs to 60.00 Lakhs Total 10 work vider Tender Publication No. 2457 Date: 12.11.2025. Last Date for Submission of Tender is 27.11.2025 time 5.30 PM.
For more information about the tender, the information can be collected at the website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in or visit the office of the said Division during officer hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Vijayapur
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QUICK READ

5 killed as car plunges into gorge on Delhi-Mumbai expressway

Ratlam

A tragic accident claimed the lives of five people, including a 15-year-old boy and a 70-year-old man, when their car veered off the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and plunged into a deep gorge near Bhetia-Bhimpura village in Madhya Pradesh's Ratlam on Friday. The incident occurred shortly before 7.30 a.m., just ahead of the Mahi River bridge under the jurisdiction of Rawati police station. The vehicle, a sedan bearing Maharashtra registration MH03 EL 1388, smashed through the roadside railing before free-falling into the ravine below. Those who have been killed were from Gujarat and Mumbai.

HC ruling on delay in panchayat, municipal elections

Jaipur

The Rajasthan High Court will on Friday deliver its crucial verdict on the delay in holding elections for nearly 6,759 Panchayats and 55 Municipalities across the state, despite the expiry of their terms. A division bench headed by Acting Chief Justice S.P. Sharma will pronounce the judgment on a series of petitions, including a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Giriraj Singh Devanda, former MLA Sanyam Lodha, and others. The court had reserved its judgment on August 12, after completing the hearing. Nearly three months later, the decision is set to come on Friday.

Kerala HC grants partial relief to makers of 'Haal'

Kochi

The Kerala High Court on Friday granted partial relief to the makers of the Malayalam film 'Haal', setting aside a Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) directive that mandated six cuts and restricted the film to an Adults-only (A) certificate. The Court, however, directed the filmmakers to carry out two modifications before the film could be reconsidered for certification. Justice VG Arun, who viewed the film before issuing the order, held that the CBFC's insistence on six cuts for granting even an A certificate could not stand.

Kerala Health Min defends treating patients lying on floor

Thiruvananthapuram

Kerala Health Minister Veena George on Friday defended the strong criticism that erupted over patients being treated on the floor at the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College Hospital and attributed it to overcrowding and shortage of beds in medical colleges. The Minister said the situation was a direct result of overwhelming patient inflow and insisted that no patient is ever denied treatment, even if it means treating them on the floor. According to her, medical colleges across Kerala are receiving far more patients than they can physically accommodate.

India-Canada revises ties with critical minerals, aerospace deals

Both counties agreed to intensify ministerial-level trade engagement next year, reaffirming their strong and growing economic partnership

NEW DELHI

India and Canada have agreed to hold sustained ministerial engagements with trade and investment stakeholders early next year, signaling renewed momentum in bilateral economic cooperation.

The agreement was reached during the latest 'Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment,' held between India's Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Canada's Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, Maninder Sidhu.

Sidhu's four-day visit to India concluded on Friday, with both ministers underscoring the importance of continued engagement with the private sector to unlock new avenues in trade, investment and supply-chain collaboration. They stressed that the India–Canada economic partnership remains strong and resilient despite recent diplomatic tensions.

According to the joint statement, bilateral trade in goods and services reached USD 23.66 billion in 2024. Merchandise trade alone hit USD 8.98 billion, marking a 10 per cent year-on-year increase — a sign of strengthening commercial ties and diversified sectoral growth.

Both sides agreed to promote long-term supply-chain partnerships in critical minerals, an area where Canada is a major global supplier and India seeks to secure stable inputs for its clean energy and manufacturing ambitions. They also committed to deeper cooperation in clean energy technologies to support each country's energy transition goals.

In addition, the ministers discussed expanding investment and trade opportunities in aerospace and dual-use capabilities. With India's aviation sector experiencing rapid expansion, both nations see potential in jointly identifying opportunities for technology exchange, manufacturing and long-term industrial partnerships.

The dialogue also underscored the importance of strengthening resilience across critical sectors, including agriculture, and the need for diversified and reliable global supply chains. Both ministers reaffirmed that sustained engagement will help build a forward-looking and mutually beneficial economic relationship, setting the stage for enhanced collaboration in 2025.

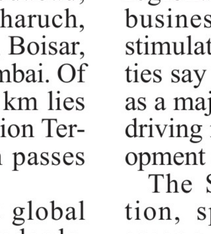
PM Modi to review bullet train progress during Gujarat visit

AHMEDABAD

The under-construction Bullet Train Station in Surat considered as a crucial node on the 508-km route that will mark India's entry into high-speed rail travel

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Gujarat on Saturday to inspect progress on one of India's most ambitious infrastructure projects — the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR).

At around 10 am, the Prime Minister is scheduled to review the under-construction Bullet Train Station in Surat, a crucial node on the 508-km route that will mark India's entry into high-speed rail travel.



The corridor spans Gujarat, Maharashtra, and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, connecting major cities such as Sabarmati, Ahmedabad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Bilimora, Vapi, Boisar, Virar, Thane, and Mumbai. Of the total stretch, 352 km lies in Gujarat and the Union Territory, while 156 km passes through Maharashtra.

Designed to meet global high-speed rail standards, nearly 85 per cent of the corridor about 465 km, is being constructed on elevated viaducts to enhance safety, efficiency, and reduce land acquisition challenges. Project officials report significant progress, with 326 km of viaduct already completed, along with 17 of the planned 25 river bridges.

Once operational, the Bullet Train is expected to cut travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad to around two hours, reshaping regional mobility, boosting business connectivity, and stimulating tourism. Authorities say the project will serve as a major economic catalyst, driving investment and development along the entire route.

The Surat–Bilimora section, spanning 47 km, is among the most advanced stretches, with civil work and track-bed preparation fully completed.

While inaugurating the 72nd State Cooperative Week, Saini emphasised cooperation's role in rural prosperity and development

Soul of nation resides in rural communities: Haryana CM

SONIPAT

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday inaugurated the 72nd state-level Cooperative Week in Sonipat, stressing that the future of India's development lies in empowering villages through strong cooperative structures.

Addressing a large gathering, the Chief Minister said that the soul of the nation resides in rural communities, and cooperation remains the most effective path to achieving sustainable progress and self-reliance. This year, he noted, has been declared the 'Year of Cooperatives', giving the week-long celebration added significance.

Saini called upon the youth to break away from conventional mindsets and embrace cooperatives as modern enterprises that can be scaled into global brands with the support of Digital India. He said India's cooperative movement was built by millions of ordinary citizens who contributed small savings and collective efforts, creating a foundation that continues to strengthen the nation's economic trajectory. With India now the world's fourth-largest economy and moving rapidly toward the third position, he emphasised that cooperatives will play a crucial role in realising this aspiration.

Recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to strengthening the cooperative sector, the Chief Minister highlighted the historic establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2014. He stated that Haryana, in alignment with this vision, is working to transform cooperatives into a mass movement that benefits every section of society.

CM Saini detailed some of the state's key achievements in the sector, including the issuance of RuPay Kisan Credit Cards to over three lakh farmers through 19 District Central Cooperative Banks. He also announced that 21 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies have been chosen for the construction of new warehouses aimed at improving rural storage capacity.

A major highlight of Haryana's cooperative initiatives is the zero-interest crop loan scheme for timely-paying members of primary cooperative societies. So far, the scheme has provided interest relief of ₹1,223 crore to 5,31,652 farmers, strengthening their financial stability and supporting inclusive agricultural growth.

BJP leaders, workers celebrate across country

NEW DELHI

As the NDA is poised to win over 200 seats in the 243-member Bihar Assembly, BJP leaders and workers on Friday celebrated across different parts of the country. In Rewari, Haryana, BJP leaders and workers celebrated with great enthusiasm. In Viluppuram, Tamil Nadu, BJP workers celebrated following the NDA's lead in the Bihar Assembly election. Similarly, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, celebrations erupted following the NDA's projected victory. Supporters celebrated with fireworks and cutouts featuring PM Modi and CM Yogi. In Patna, Bihar, BJP supporters gathered at the party's state headquarters to mark the alliance's strong lead in the results.

2027 Assembly polls: Punjab's AAP retain Tarn Taran seat

CHANDIGARH

Ahead of the 2027 Punjab Assembly polls, Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) candidate Harmeet Singh Sandhu on Friday retained the Tarn Taran Assembly seat, defeating his nearest rival, Sukhwinder Kaur of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), who was leading in the initial rounds of counting, by more than 12,000 votes. This bypoll was seen as a crucial test for Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and the AAP that had won five of the six bypolls held in the state since it came to power in March 2022.

Independent candidate Mandeep Singh Khalsa, backed by hardline Sikh groups and jailed MP Amritpal Singh's faction, was in the third spot, while Congress' Karanbir Singh Burj was at the fourth.

AAP's Sandhu leads got a total of 42,649 votes, holding a margin of 12,091 votes. SAD's Kaur was in second place with 30,558 votes, followed by Khalsa at 19,620 votes, Congress' Karanbir Singh at 15,078 votes, and BJP's Harjit Singh Sandhu at 6,239 votes.

Responding to his party retaining the seat, state AAP Chief and Minister Aman Arora told the media here, This victory is recognition of the work done by the Bhagwant Mann government in Punjab. We presented our work to the people, they accepted it, and gave us great respect. Heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Harsimrat Kaur Badal thanked the people of Tarn Taran for supporting the Shiromani Akali Dal despite pressure, saying their support shows they prefer a regional party and will reject AAP in free 2027 elections.

Jharkhand High Court issues notice to IG Prisons

RANCHI

The Jharkhand High Court has taken suo motu cognisance of a viral video showing inmates dancing inside Birsa Munda Central Jail in Hotwar, Ranchi, raising serious concerns over the security and management of the state's prisons. During a hearing on Friday, a division bench headed by Chief Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan expressed strong displeasure over the incident and questioned how such a lapse could occur inside a high-security prison.

The court directed the Inspector General of Prisons to appear in person on the next date of hearing and ordered the production of the DVR containing the original CCTV footage related to the incident.

Describing the video as unfortunate and shameful, the bench observed that the incident exposes glaring weaknesses in the prison administration.

The court also noted that the video clearly suggests the use of mobile phones inside the jail, a violation that has repeatedly been flagged as a major security threat in many prisons across India. The judges questioned how inmates, including those facing charges in serious financial crimes, were able to gather in a special hall and engage in such activities without the knowledge of prison authorities.

ED issues fresh summons to Anil Ambani

NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued fresh summons to Reliance ADAG Group chairman Anil Ambani, directing him to appear for questioning at its Delhi headquarters on Monday, according to reliable sources.

The development comes after the industrialist reportedly sought permission to join the inquiry virtually, a request the agency has declined.

Ambani, who had responded to an earlier summons by email on Friday, asked the ED to allow him to participate via video conferencing. However, officials rejected this proposal and issued a renewed directive requiring his physical presence on November 17.

In a media statement, Ambani reiterated that he is willing to offer to appear by virtual means and assured that he will fully cooperate with ED on all matters.

His statement further clarified that the summons pertain exclusively to an inquiry under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and not to any matter under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The matter, the statement explained, is linked to a 2010 domestic EPC contract for the Jaipur–Reengus Toll Road and involves issues concerning a road contractor, with no foreign exchange component.

The Reliance ADAG chairman also distanced himself from the operational aspects of the case, noting that he is not a board member of Reliance Infrastructure. Ambani stated that he served as a non-executive director from April 2007 to March 2022 and was never involved in the day-to-day management of the company.

The ED had previously summoned Ambani on November 14 in connection with a money laundering investigation involving the conglomerate. In August, he underwent an almost nine-hour questioning session at the agency's Delhi office in relation to an alleged ₹17,000 crore loan fraud case. The fresh summons indicate the agency's continued scrutiny into the financial dealings linked to the group.

UNION OF POLITICS & CRICKET

Yogi meets champ Deepti, lauds field feat

LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Friday, met the state's World Cup winning Women's Cricket Team player Deepti Sharma and also led a Cabinet meeting which took 20 key decisions, including one on easing the registration process for old age pension, an official said.

Sharma, who is serving as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in the state, was praised by Chief Minister Adityanath for her good performance in the World Cricket final and winning the Player of the Tournament award.

Deepti has done the Uttar Pradesh Police proud at the world stage, CM Adityanath had tweeted soon after the women's cricket team lifted the World Cup on November 2.

Cricketer Deepti Sharma was earlier appointed as DSP in January this year under the sports quota as part of Chief Minister Adityanath's Skilled Athlete Scheme.

During the Cabinet meeting held at the CM residence on Friday, CM Adityanath led his Ministers in congratulating the women's cricket team for winning the World Cup.

The Cabinet also condemned the fatal Delhi blast on November 10. A key decision taken at the meeting relates to saving the elderly the trouble of running around for pension. The Cabinet decided that the social welfare department will deploy call-centre executives to contact and seek consent of the beneficiary and fill their forms online through common service centres.

The forms will be verified using family IDs before the release of their pension, saving the elderly to run around to complete formalities. As a pilot project, the scheme will be tried in five districts, including Ghaziabad, Gorakhpur, Hardoi, Kannauj and Lalitpur, an official said.

In the existing system, an online application by an elderly person seeking pension needs the verification by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate and village Block Development Officer before an approval from the District Magistrate-led Committee.

CDS Chauhan stresses on defence R&D, lauds PSUs

NEW DELHI

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan led the discussions on Defence R&D, Autonomous Systems and Futuristic Technologies and Ammunition and Explosives at the second edition of the Brainstorming Session (BSS 2.0) on Friday. While delivering the keynote address at Manekshaw Centre, the CDS highlighted the contribution of PSUs, the private sector and MSMEs in defence manufacturing. The Brainstorming Session 2.0 with the theme Atmanirbharta in Defence – Leveraging Defence Industry Ecosystem for Future Warfare was organised by the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS), in association with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM). Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, in his welcome address, emphasised providing a boost to domestic industries focusing on technological advancement and Research and Development, said the Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff, on X.

The event witnessed significant participation from defence industries, said a statement.

'Massive majority, complete unity': Nitish thanks NDA

PATNA: As the NDA is speculated to again form the government in Bihar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expressed gratitude to alliance partners, emphasising that the "massive majority" reflects the "Unity" of the alliance.

In a post on X, Nitish thanked voters and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), Rashtirya Lok Morcha and Hindustani Awam Morcha. He asserted that Bihar will now progress even further with the support of all the NDA members. "The NDA alliance has achieved a massive majority in this election by demonstrating complete unity. For this massive victory, thanks and gratitude are also due to all the partners of the NDA alliance – Shri Chirag Paswan Ji, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi Ji, and Shri Upendra Kushwaha Ji," he said. "I express my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for the support received from him, while bowing to him," CM Nitish Kumar said.

Tejashwi retains Raghopur after day-long seesaw thriller

PATNA: While Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav has been a two-time chief minister of Bihar, his sons Tejashwi Yadav and Tej Pratap Yadav had a tough time winning the elections, even in the party bastion. After day-long seesaw thriller, sitting MLA Tejashwi Prasad Yadav finally retainted the Raghopur Assembly constituency in Bihar, a traditional RJD stronghold with a 68.54% voter turnout. As per the Election Comission of India (ECI) data, the grand alliance's chief ministerial face face and RJD top leader Tejashwi secured victory in Raghopur, finishing with 1,18,597 votes, a winning margin of 14,532 over BJP's Satish Kumar, who ended with 1,04,065 votes after the 32nd and final round of counting. While his brother Tej Pratap lost in Mahua.

Bihar reserves hot seat for 'Sushasan Babu'

'People have expressed their confidence in our govt and I bow to them for giving us a massive majority' | It's a victory of good governance, development, public welfare and social justice, says PM Modi

LUCKNOW

set to return as Bihar's chief minister for a record fifth time with a sweeping victory for the JD(U)-led NDA.

The 74-year-old has been at the centre of Bihar politics for more than two decades, building a reputation as a reformer and earning the nickname 'Sushasan Babu' against the backdrop of the RJD's so-called 'Jungle Raj'. For him, this election has been widely viewed as a test of both political endurance and public trust.

Nitish Kumar's 2025 resurgence has been aided by strong backing from women voters, who outnumbered men at the polls, with a record turnout of 71.6%, the highest in 15 years. The boost came with the NDA's manifesto, which promised to create one crore 'lakhpati didis,' offering up to Rs 2 lakh financial aid. Ahead of the elections, Nitish also transferred Rs 2,500 crore via direct benefit transfer (DBT) to 25 lakh women across the state.

Born in 1951 in Kalyan Bigha village of Nalanda in Bihar, Nitish grew up in a household shaped by the freedom movement. As a student, he got attracted to socialist ideas and the Lohia School principles of caste justice.

Rising through the JP movement of the mid-1970s, he entered the electoral politics in 1977 when the nation was witnessing a Janata wave, but got defeated twice by independent candidates in Harnaut. His breakthrough came in 1985 when he captured the same seat on a Lok Dal ticket and emerged as a significant voice for backward castes and secular politics.

Nitish, who in his initial days in state politics was seen as Lalu Prasad Yadav's 'Chota Bhai' (younger brother), eventually carved his own support base among the backward classes, especially Kurmis. He broke away from Lalu over the latter's 'growing dominance' and formed the Samata Party with George Fernandes in 1994.

After his shift to national politics, Nitish won six Lok Sabha elections between 1989 and 2004 from Barh and Nalanda, establishing his presence on the national political stage.

Often targeted by the opposition as 'paltu ram' (frequent turncoat)', Nitish held his ground and vote bank stronger always. His political journey and lasting popularity are a testament to his adaptability and strategic growth.

The dual formula that rode to a historical triumph

The mix of PM Modi's national appeal and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar's deep grassroots connect has emerged as a formidable electoral force, which helped the alliance to translate the political momentum into a historical triumph in Bihar, India's third most populous state.

The results reaffirmed a pattern of voting witnessed in multiple nationwide elections, with Bihar giving the Narendra Modi and his party an overwhelming support in the 2014, 2019, and 2024 Lok Sabha polls, as well as in the 2020 and 2025 Assembly elections.

The ruling alliance also accused the INDIA bloc of disrespecting the state's identity, pointing to the remarks made by its leaders, including Rahul

Gandhi who criticised PM Modi when he performed 'Chhath Puja' during the election rally. Following the controversy, Modi pushed for 'Chhath Puja' to be listed in UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage category as evidence of NDA's commitment to preserving Bihar's heritage.

With Modi standing firmly beside Nitish throughout the campaign, the NDA projected a united and reinvigorated front, stressing welfare of all.

Remember, we were not the senior partner in the alliance and that RJD also has to look carefully at its own performance. But, it's very important that we look at the totality of our performance
—Shashi Tharoor, Cong leader

The people of Bihar have given their verdict and we take that as a lesson. We will work on a new strategy for Congress party and India bloc.
— DK Shivakumar
DyCM, Karnataka

The mandate is 'unexpected' and 'unacceptable'. While the results are now out, the reasons behind such a verdict need to be examined.
—Priyank Kharge
Karnataka Minister

The people of Bihar have blessed the party with unexpected support and sent a message to the nation that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hands should be strengthened.
—R ASKOKA, BJP leader

Cong, BJP, PDP register win assembly bypolls

NEW DELHI

The counting of votes for the recent assembly by-elections reveals a mixed outcome with both the BJP and the Congress marking notable victories.

Cong wins Jubilee Hills, Rajasthan's Anta seats

The Congress registered crucial wins in two separate states. In Rajasthan's Anta, Pramod Jain 'Bhaya' defeated the BJP's Morpal Suman and Independent Naresh Meena, securing 69,571 votes and winning by a margin of 15,612 votes. The Congress also celebrated a victory in the Telangana's Jubilee Hills by-poll, where Naveen Yadav was declared the winner.

BJP retains Nagrota

The BJP marked its dominance in two key areas. In Jammu & Kashmir's Nagrota, Devyani Rana secured a massive victory, winning by a substantial margin of 24,647 votes. Similarly, in Odisha's Nuapada, the BJP's Jay Dholakia established a commanding lead of 82,911 votes.

Budgam goes for PDP

Regional parties proved their resilience in their respective strongholds. The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) secured a significant victory in J&K's Budgam, where Muntazir Mehdi won with 21,576 votes, defeating the National Conference (NC) and an independent candidate by a margin of 4,478 votes. The BJP's candidate, Mohsin Mosvi, finished sixth with 2,619 votes.

MNF shines in Dampa

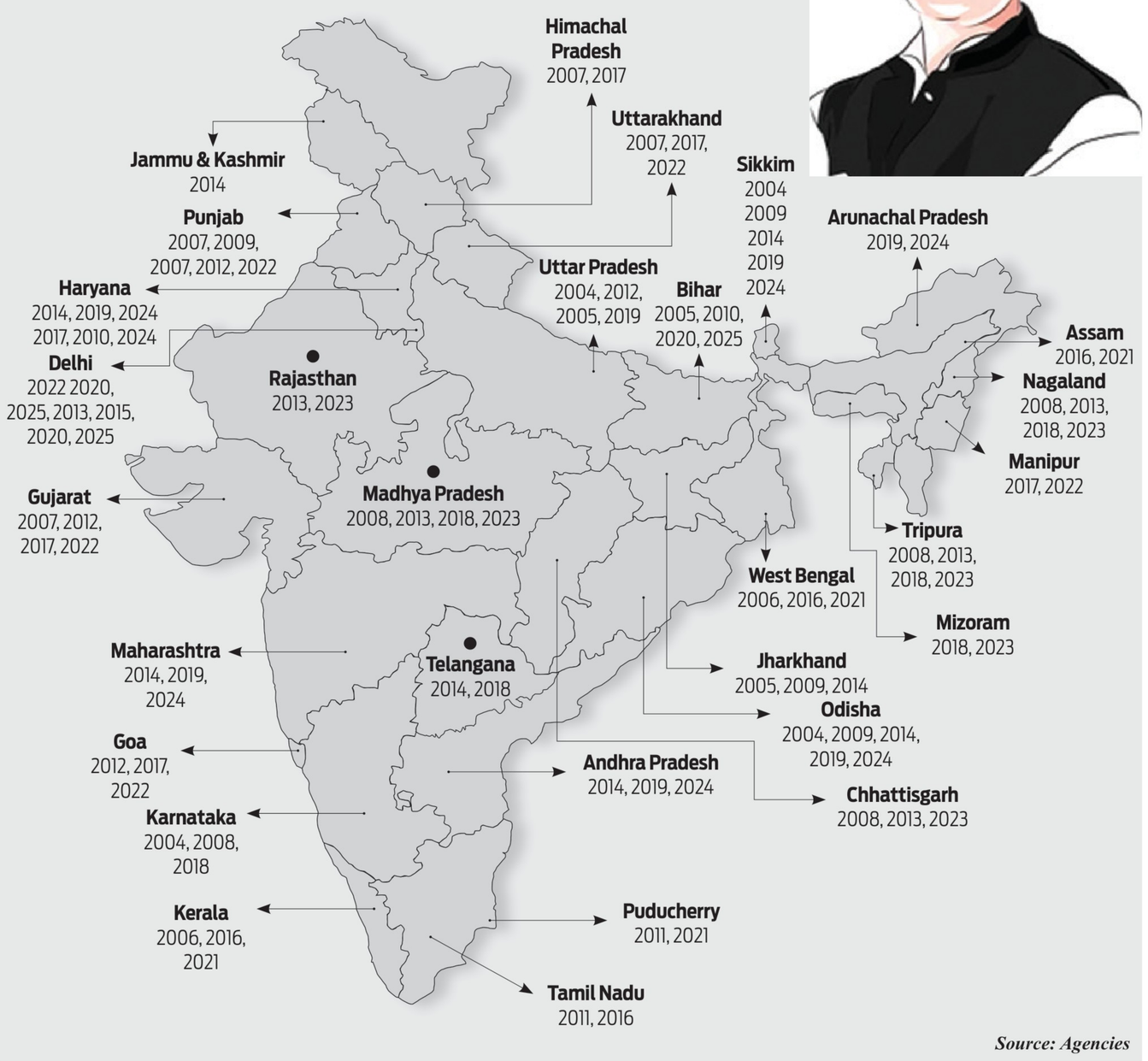
In Mizoram, the Mizo National Front (MNF) successfully retained the Dampa constituency with Dr R Lalthangliana won by a narrow margin of 562 votes.

AAP rules Tarn Taran

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab retained the Tarn Taran Assembly seat in the by-elections.

95 DEFEATS FOR RAHUL GANDHI

While many will call him a **9-to-5** blame-game politician, Rahul Gandhi has now accumulated **95** electoral defeats in two decades, five short of a century. Is the attack on India's institutions a diversionary tactic by the silver-spoon scion?



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We bow down to people's verdict in Bihar: DKS

BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka DK Shivakumar on Friday said he would bow down to the verdict given by the people of Bihar.

Addressing the media at Vidhana Soudha, he said, "The people of Bihar have given their verdict and we take that as a lesson. We will work on a new strategy for Congress party and India bloc." "The NDA government in Bihar has deposited Rs 10,000 to the women and hence their voting percentage has gone up by 11%," he explained.

Asked if higher voting by women was the reason for the defeat, he said, "I will look at the numbers in detail and then comment on it."

Grateful to Bihar people: Owaisi

PATNA

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi thanked the people of Bihar for ensuring the success of party's candidates in five assembly constituencies and urged non-NDA parties to introspect. He said non-NDA parties should try to address their shortcomings instead of assuming voters would automatically favour them. "I am grateful to the people of Bihar. Especially, I have been saying from the beginning that RJD would not be able to stop BJP. You can check my speeches. I had said that. Today also, I am appealing to those people in Bihar who have misconception about the 'MY' (Muslim and Yadav) combination," Owaisi said.

QUICK READ

Steady ties between India and Japan can ensure Indo-Pacific stability

Tokyo

Although the Indo-Pacific continues to be a contested and dynamic theatre, steady and practical cooperation between Japan and India can ensure that it remains open, stable, and secure, a report said on Friday. It added that at a fundamental level, Tokyo and New Delhi view the Indo-Pacific as an interconnected strategic space spanning from Africa's eastern coast to the western Pacific, underpinned by inclusivity, freedom of navigation, and respect for international law as the normative basis for their engagement.

Hasina denounces ICT trial as politically motivated hatchet job

Dhaka

Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has dismissed the country's International Court Tribunal (ICT), which is set to deliver its verdict on her case on November 17, describing it as a politically motivated hatchet job orchestrated by her rivals, a report said on Friday. It added that Hasina has already been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for contempt of court, and separately faces corruption charges. Several officials from the former Awami League government led by Hasina also face charges, including the former interior minister and the former police chief.

Traders Warn of Major Economic Losses in Afghan

Taliban's suspension of trade ties with Pakistan has triggered widespread concern among businesses fearing severe economic fallout

KABUL

The Taliban's recent announcement to suspend trade relations with Pakistan has sparked deep anxiety among traders and customs clearing agents in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, who fear that the move could inflict significant damage on the region's fragile economy, local media reported. The abrupt halt, they say, threatens not only daily commercial activity but also the long-standing economic interdependence between the two neighbouring countries.

Reacting to the announcement, Ziaul Haq Sarhadi, Senior Vice-President of the Pak-Afghan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry, warned that Pakistan stands to lose a substantial export market in Afghanistan and the Central Asian states. He noted that Pakistan had recently signed trade agreements with several countries in the region, but the suspension now places those gains at risk. Sarhadi explained that Pakistan exports a wide range of goods to Afghanistan, including fresh fruits, cement, medicines, surgical tools, agricultural machinery, fabrics, shoes, cosmetics, sanitary products and plastic pipes collectively valued between USD 100 million and USD 200 million per month.

We are the ultimate losers due to the closure of our border with Afghanistan as Kabul has more choices than us, he said, emphasising the imbalance in market alternatives between the two nations.

Former president of the Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Zahidullah Shinwari, echoed similar concerns, stating that the suspension would severely affect the Federal Board of Revenue's tax collection.

He noted that millions of rupees were collected daily from imports and exports across the border, forming an essential revenue stream for the government. Shinwari added that industries in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would suffer the most, as many rely heavily on Afghan imports particularly coal to sustain production.

Door opened for South Korea's pursuit of uranium enrichment

SEOUL

South Korea took a major step forward on Friday in its long-running quest to secure rights to enrich uranium and reprocess spent nuclear fuel for peaceful purposes, with the United States affirming its support in the countries' joint summit document.

The joint fact sheet, released earlier in the day, outlines the agreements reached in the two summits between President Lee Jae Myung and US President Donald Trump. It covers the allies' commitments on a range of key trade and security issues.

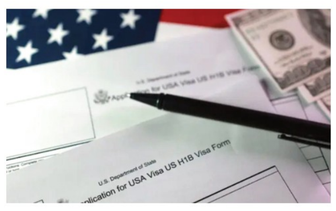
Consistent with the bilateral 123 agreement and subject to US legal requirements, the United States supports the process that will lead to the ROK's civil uranium enrichment and spent fuel reprocessing for peaceful uses, the document showed. ROK stands for South Korea's official name, the Republic of Korea. Under the 123 agreement on peaceful nuclear energy cooperation, South Korea has very limited authority to reprocess spent nuclear fuel or enrich uranium for civilian purposes, as such activities require US consent through bilateral consultations under the relevant treaties, laws and regulations governing both countries.

The agreement only allows South Korea to enrich uranium up to less than 20 per cent based on US consent, with US concerns over nuclear proliferation known as the primary reason.

The nuclear energy pact, forged in 1974, was revised once in 2015 for a 20-year term, to accommodate Seoul's request for the rights to reprocess spent fuel and enrich uranium, but it has been seen as effectively barring Seoul from producing its own civilian nuclear fuel. South Korea, a global nuclear energy powerhouse, has long sought to expand its rights as a way to address growing nuclear waste stockpiles.

Marjorie Taylor Greene Moves to Abolish H-1B Visa

WASHINGTON



A new Republican push to abolish the H-1B visa reignites concerns for thousands of skilled foreign professionals, especially Indians.

Republican lawmakers have renewed their offensive against the United States' H-1B visa programme, despite former President Donald Trump recently defending the non-immigrant work visa that allows American employers to hire skilled foreign workers. The latest move comes from Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene, who announced her intention to introduce a bill seeking to completely eliminate the programme and revoke the pathways to permanent residency it provides.

The H-1B visa, widely used in STEM fields, offers a route to U.S. citizenship through employer-sponsored green cards. After receiving permanent residency, workers can apply for citizenship within five years. This system has particularly benefited Indian professionals, who account for more than 70 per cent of all approved H-1B applications in recent years, driven by strong demand for specialized talent in American industries. In a video posted on X, Greene claimed the programme has been riddled with fraud and abuse and accused it of displacing American workers. She argued that eliminating the visa would force foreign workers to return home upon expiration of their current status.

Greene's proposal includes a narrow exemption for medical professionals, allowing up to 10,000 visas annually for doctors and nurses providing essential services. However, she added that even this small provision would be phased out over a decade, giving the U.S. time to build our own pipeline of medical professionals. The bill would further bar Medicare-funded residency programmes from admitting non-citizen medical students.

She pointed to last year's mismatch in medical placements, noting that over 9,000 U.S. medical graduates failed to secure residency positions, while more than 5,000 foreign-born doctors obtained placements in 2023.

If Greene's bill advances, immigration analysts warn it could severely disrupt American industries reliant on skilled talent and deliver a major blow to Indian professionals who form the backbone of the H-1B workforce.

Hundreds of expatriate Bangladeshis rallied outside the ICJ in The Hague protesting alleged human rights violations in Bangladesh

Bangladeshi Expatriates across Europe Protest Outside ICJ

THE HAGUE

Hundreds of Bangladeshi expatriates from across Europe formed a human chain outside the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague, accusing the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government of committing serious human rights abuses. The demonstration, organised by the Netherlands chapter of the Awami League, took place on Friday and was led by its President Mostofa Zaman and General Secretary Murad Khan.

Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressed the crowd virtually as the Chief Guest, expressing solidarity with the protesters. According to the Awami League, demonstrators later submitted a formal complaint to the ICJ President, outlining allegations that included arbitrary arrests, torture of minorities and party members, systemic persecution, and politically motivated cases filed against Hasina and her supporters.

The complaint accused Yunus and his associates of illegally seizing power and working with anti-liberation and extremist forces to destabilise the country. It also cited incidents such as the burning of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic residence at 32 Dhanmondi, attacks on state institutions, and the banning of the Awami League and its student wing, the Chhatra League.

Several senior Awami League leaders from Europe — including Hasan Mahmud, M. Nazrul Islam, Mojibur Rahman, M.A. Kasem, Dilwar Hossain Koiech, and Shahidul Haq — joined the rally, calling for international intervention. Protesters held placards demanding justice for Hasina and all Bangladeshis who they said had been deprived of basic rights. The international community must not remain silent. Yunus must be held accountable, the Awami League quoted participants as saying.

The demonstration came a day after the Awami League urged its supporters to stay alert against what it described as conspiracies by the Yunus-led interim administration, particularly in connection with the party's Dhaka Lockdown programme. The initiative centres around the upcoming verdict of the Bangladesh International Crimes Tribunal in a case against Hasina, reportedly due on November 17.

Condemning the interim government, the party alleged that the illegal, usurping, fascist regime had deprived it of its democratic rights and violated the rights of its leaders and activists.

First Chief Justice of Federal Constitutional Court sworn

ISLAMABAD

Justice Aminuddin Khan took oath as the first Chief Justice of Pakistan's newly-established Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) on Friday, a day after Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari signed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill into a law.

Zardari administered oath to Justice Khan as Chief Justice of FCC at Aiwan e Sadr, the official residence of Pakistan's President.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) General Sahir Shamshad Mirza and Supreme Court Chief Justice Yahya Afridi were also present during the ceremony.

Israel recovers hostage body from Gaza

JERUSALEM

Israel said Friday it recovered the body of a deceased hostage identified as Meny Godard held by militants in the Gaza Strip. After completing the identification process, officials notified the family of Godard that his remains had been returned for burial, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said in a statement.

According to the Prime Minister's Office, Godard's body was handed over to the Red Cross in Gaza and later transferred to Israel, where forensic experts confirmed his identity. Godard, 73, and his wife were killed outside their home in Kibbutz Be'eri during the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on October 7, 2023. His body was taken to Gaza.

He was pronounced dead on August 12, 2023 and leaves behind four children and seven grandchildren. His wife, the late Ayelet Goddard, was also murdered in an attack on the Kibbutz. In a statement, the said that it shares the family's grief and continues to invest all efforts in the return of the deceased abductees. Hamas, the IDF said, is required to fulfill its part of the agreement and make all necessary efforts to return the deceased hostages to their families and for a proper burial.

Earlier this week, the Israeli forces received from the Red Cross in Gaza the remains of a hostage whose body was held by Hamas for the past 11 years, the Israeli Prime Minister's office said.

Hamas announced it was handing over the body of Goldin, an army officer killed during Israel's 2014 Gaza war. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu later confirmed the remains were believed to be Goldin's. At the start of his weekly cabinet meeting.

Over 7,000 Afghan refugees return home from Pakistan and Iran in single day

KABUL

Around 7,061 Afghan refugees were forcibly deported to Afghanistan from Pakistan and Iran, according to Afghanistan's High Commission for Addressing Refugee Affairs. In a daily operational report shared on X, Afghanistan's Deputy Spokesperson Mullah Hamdullah Fitrat stated that 1,353 Afghan families, comprising 7,061 people returned from Iran and Pakistan. Fitrat stated that Afghan refugees returned to Afghanistan through Spin Boldak in Kandahar, Bahramcha in Helmand, Islam Qala in Herat, Pul-i-Abresham in Nimroz and Torkham in Nangarhar provinces. He further said that assistance was given to 1,436 families that returned to Afghanistan while 3,448 returnee families, comprising 27,223 people were taken to their respective areas. Mullah Hamdullah Fitrat stated that telecommunication companies distributed 1,338 SIM cards to the refugees.

As many as 10,637 Afghan refugees were forcibly deported from Iran and Pakistan. Last month, Afghan refugees voiced concerns over escalating challenges and growing fear amid the ongoing crackdown in Pakistan. They alleged that the Pakistani police have made announcements in some mosques warning that anyone assisting the refugees.

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Brain-Bender: Can You Solve It?

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

Fill a 9×9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3×3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

GAZA AID CRISIS

Israel Is Systematically Crippling Aid Operations: UNRWA

NUSEIRAT

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) has accused Israel of intentionally paralyzing its humanitarian operations in Gaza, warning that millions of Palestinians are being left exposed as heavy rains and winter conditions set in. The agency said the Israeli blockade, now entering its third year amid the ongoing war, has restricted essential aid and hampered its ability to reach Gaza's displaced population.

Addressing the UN General Assembly's Fourth Committee, UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said the agency's mandate is protected under international law and must be upheld. He cited conclusions from the UN Commission of Inquiry and rulings by the International Court of Justice (ICJ), which he said require Israel to lift its restrictions on UNRWA's activities. Safeguarding UNRWA's mandate and operations is required under international law; it is vital to the survival of millions of Palestinians; and it is essential for a political solution, Lazzarini said.

Speaking to reporters in New York, Lazzarini warned that the agency is also facing a severe funding crisis worsened by cuts from major donors, including the United States. He said the organisation is struggling to sustain its basic functions. We run week by week, month by month. I know that as of today, we will be able to process our salaries in November, but have no idea if… we will be able to process our salaries in December, he said.

Israel barred UNRWA from operating on its territory earlier this year after accusing several of its staff of participating in the Hamas-led October 7, 2023 attack. However, Israel has not provided evidence supporting these allegations, which UNRWA has called baseless and politically motivated. With resources shrinking and access blocked, UNRWA warns that essential services including food distribution, medical care, and shelter support could soon collapse, leaving Gaza's population in even deeper peril.

PCL Opens New Perchlorate Plant to Boost Defence Supply

The new manufacturing unit is designed to meet the growing perchlorate demand in both domestic and global markets

CHENNAI

Pandian Chemicals Limited (PCL), a leading Madurai-based manufacturer of perchlorates, inaugurated its third production facility on Friday at the SIPCOT Industrial Estate in Thervoy Kandigai, near Chennai. The expansion marks a significant step in strengthening India's perchlorate manufacturing capacity, especially for defence applications.

Formerly a joint sector company with the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO), PCL is India's largest producer of potassium chlorate, an essential raw material for the safety match industry. The company also manufactures a wide range of perchlorates, including ammonium perchlorate (APC), a crucial component used in solid fuel motors for defence missile systems.

The new plant, built with an investment of ₹48 crore, has an installed capacity of 40 metric tonnes per month, with plans to scale up production in the near future. The facility was inaugurated by Dr. Anil Prasad Dash, Director of the High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), and Dr. M.V.L. Ramesh, General Manager, SFC, Jagdalpur.

In a statement, PCL said, "The commissioning of our new facility at Thervoy Kandigai marks an important milestone in PCL's growth journey. This expansion not only strengthens our manufacturing capabilities but also aligns with our commitment to advancing India's defence self-reliance." PCL has recently begun exporting to advanced international markets, and the new facility is expected to significantly bolster its global reach as a dependable perchlorate supplier.

> PCL said the launch of the new Thervoy Kandigai facility marks a significant step in its growth, boosting manufacturing strength while reinforcing the company's commitment to supporting India's defence self-reliance through enhanced capacity and advanced production capabilities.

QUICK READ

SJVN launches first unit at Buxar plant

New Delhi

State-owned SJVN has started commercial operations of the first unit of its 1,320 MW Buxar thermal power project in Bihar. The project has two units, each capable of generating 660 MW. The company confirmed that Unit-1, with a 660 MW capacity, has officially achieved its Commercial Operation Date (COD) on Friday. SJVN expects this milestone to boost Bihar's power supply and support regional development.

The second unit is expected to begin operations soon, completing the project's full capacity. This marks a major step forward in India's energy expansion plans.

Natco Pharma sees significant drop in Q2 profit

New Delhi

Natco Pharma Ltd reported a 23.44% fall in its consolidated net profit for the second quarter, earning Rs 517.9 crore. This compares to Rs 676.5 crore in the same period last year. The decline was attributed to higher research and development costs and a one-time employee bonus, the company said in a filing. Consolidated revenue from operations slightly dipped to Rs 1,363 crore, down from Rs 1,371.1 crore a year ago. Despite the drop, Natco Pharma continues to focus on innovation and growth, navigating challenges in the pharmaceutical sector while maintaining its operational momentum.

Marico Q2 profit dips despite revenue surge

New Delhi

Marico Ltd reported a slight fall in its consolidated net profit for the September quarter, earning Rs 432 crore, down from Rs 433 crore a year ago. The marginal drop was linked to a high base and rising costs of key commodities, which squeezed gross margins. Despite this, the company's consolidated revenue from operations surged 30.7% to Rs 3,482 crore, up from Rs 2,664 crore in the same quarter last year. Marico continues to expand its presence in the FMCG sector while managing inflationary pressures and maintaining steady operational growth.

WTO Chief urges India to guide trade reforms

VISAKHAPATNAM

WTO chief Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala urged India to lead trade reforms, leverage digital, green, and reconfigured supply chains, and strengthen the rules-based global trading system.

The head of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, has urged India to take the lead in global trade reforms, warning that the world must protect a rules-based trading system instead of shifting toward one driven by power. Speaking at the opening of the 30th CII Partnership Summit 2025, she said the global trade landscape is changing fast, and India is well placed to benefit from these shifts.

She stressed that India should guide WTO reforms to correct past mistakes and support emerging opportunities. Reconfigured supply chains, fast-growing green trade, and booming digitally delivered services—now worth nearly USD 5 trillion—present major chances for India, she said. With digital trade expanding at 6 to 8 per cent a year, she noted that India is already performing strongly and can do even better.

Okonjo-Iweala said South-South trade is rising again, offering India more room to grow. She added that India's active role in current WTO discussions can help build a more flexible system that supports smaller developing nations. Her message was clear: India should work with the global community to strengthen a trading system that has served the world well and can deliver even more. Praising India's economic progress, she called it the fastest-growing major economy, with growth above 6 per cent in 2024-25. She credited strong domestic demand, steady investment, and stable economic conditions for this momentum and congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the people. She stressed that global growth depends on global trade and warned of the biggest trade disruptions seen in eight decades. While acknowledging developing countries' concerns—such as public stockholding and unmet promises—she said the world must focus on constructive reforms to build resilience and move forward.

Manufactured goods prices fell 0.07%, with metals, chemicals, and vehicles dropping due to lower input costs, better supply

WPI inflation falls to 27-month low in Oct on GST cut

NEW DELHI

India's wholesale inflation continued to fall in October, dropping further into negative territory at –1.21 per cent, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The decline was mainly due to lower prices of food items, crude petroleum, natural gas, electricity, mineral oils, and basic metal products.

The month-to-month WPI also slipped slightly by –0.06 per cent, compared to –0.19 per cent in September.

Prices of manufactured goods also softened, with the index falling by –0.07 per cent. Key sectors such as basic metals, metallic mineral products, chemicals, motor vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers recorded noticeable price drops. Officials said this steady easing reflects weak input costs and improving supply conditions.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures retail inflation, showed a similar cooling trend. CPI fell to 0.25 per cent in October, helped strongly by GST rate cuts that reduced the prices of many goods and services. The retail inflation rate had already touched an eight-year low of 1.54 per cent in September, and October continued this downward slide.

Food inflation played a major role in easing household pressure. It fell further into the negative zone at –5.02 per cent, compared with –2.28 per cent in September. Food prices have now stayed negative for five straight months. Lower prices of cooking oils, vegetables, fruits, eggs, cereals, footwear, and transport services contributed significantly.

Officials said the full impact of the GST cut, a favourable base effect, and good supply conditions helped cool inflation.

With a healthy southwest monsoon, strong kharif sowing, good reservoir levels, and adequate foodgrain stocks, the inflation outlook for 2025–26 appears calmer.

The sustained decline in inflation gives the Reserve Bank of India more space to maintain a softer monetary stance, possibly cutting interest rates to support economic growth.

India Eyes $25-Billion Boost in Telecom Manufacturing

NEW DELHI

Telecom component manufacturing offers a $25-billion opportunity for India, Minister of State for Communications Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar said at the CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam. He assured investors that the ministry is ready to fast-track approvals and extend full support to new projects.

Highlighting India's rising middle class and pro-industry reforms, he said the country has shifted from a licence-raj mindset to a trust-driven approach that celebrates entrepreneurs.

Dr. Sekhar also praised Andhra Pradesh's strong industrial ecosystems, robust infrastructure, renewable energy potential and investor-friendly governance, calling the state one of India's most promising destinations.

India, S. Korea discuss strong partnership

NEW DELHI

India and South Korea are exploring a major shipbuilding partnership that combines Korea's advanced technology with India's strong manufacturing base and lower production costs. Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri shared details after meeting top leaders from major Korean shipping companies.

He said both nations believe such a partnership can meet India's rising shipping needs while also serving global markets. Puri pointed out that India imports crude oil and gas worth over USD 150 billion by sea each year, showing the huge demand for vessels. He noted that the oil and gas sector alone makes up nearly 28 per cent of India's total trade volume, yet only about 20 per cent of this cargo is transported on Indian-owned ships. With India's energy needs growing quickly—along with the requirement of nearly 100 offshore vessels by 2034—the minister said there is strong motivation to build more ships in India with support from global industry leaders. Puri met CEOs from Korea Ocean Business Corporation, SK Shipping, H-Line Shipping, and Pan Ocean to deepen cooperation. India's shipbuilding sector is receiving major government support. In September 2025, the Centre launched shipbuilding and maritime reform schemes worth Rs 69,725 crore. These include financial assistance, credit support, capital incentives, and risk coverage to boost domestic shipyards. A Rs 25,000 crore Maritime Development Fund has been set up to drive investment, while new schemes will help build strong shipbuilding clusters across the country.

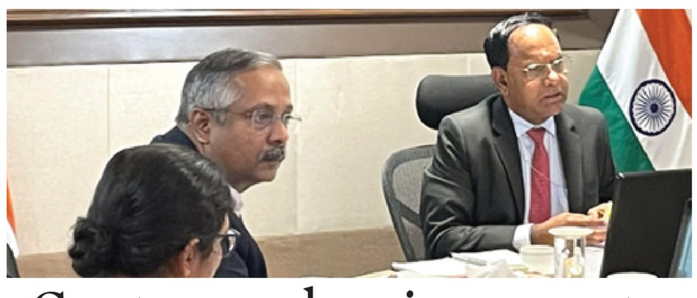
Retail leasing in India jumps strongly in third quarter

NEW DELHI

India's retail real estate sector saw a major surge in demand during the July–September quarter of 2025, with total leasing rising to 3.2 million sq ft, according to a report by JLL India. This marks a 65 per cent year-on-year increase, showing strong market recovery and rising consumer activity. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, leasing grew by 22 per cent, signalling healthy momentum across the top seven cities. Delhi–NCR emerged as the biggest contributor, accounting for 35 per cent of the total space leased in Q3, boosted by the opening of two new malls. The availability of 1.5 million sq ft of new supply in Delhi-NCR and Hyderabad allowed many retailers, who were previously restricted by limited space, to finally expand their presence in important markets.

Hyderabad followed with 12 per cent of Q3 leasing, while Mumbai and Bengaluru saw 0.6 million sq ft and 0.4 million sq ft of space take-up, respectively. The strong Q3 performance pushed India's nine-month leasing total to 8.9 million sq ft, already reaching 110 per cent of the full-year total for 2024.

Among retail categories, fashion and apparel dominated leasing activity at 35 per cent, followed by food and beverages at 16 per cent, and daily needs and grocery at 11 per cent. Dr. Samantak Das, Chief Economist at JLL India, said daily needs and grocery chains drove significant space demand and often operate as anchor tenants in premium malls. The report also highlighted the rapid expansion of direct-to-consumer (D2C) brands, which are investing heavily in physical stores across fashion, jewellery, cosmetics, and wellness. Dr. Das said these brands are expected to capture an even larger share of leasing in coming quarters as they scale their hybrid retail strategies.



Centre pushes insurers to speed health claims

NEW DELHI

The Centre has urged insurance companies and hospitals to work faster and more smoothly while handling health insurance claims, aiming to make healthcare more affordable and easier for people across the country. In an official statement, the government asked all stakeholders to quickly join the National Health Claims Exchange, adopt common treatment rules, follow uniform empanelment norms, and ensure simple and seamless cashless claim processing.

M. Nagaraju, Secretary of the Department of Financial Services (DFS), led a meeting focused on rising medical costs and increasing insurance premiums. Representatives from the General Insurance Council, the Association of Healthcare Providers in India, and major hospital groups such as Max, Fortis, and Apollo attended. Key insurers, including New India Assurance, Star Health, Bajaj Allianz, and others, also participated. Nagaraju stressed that standardised empanelment rules across insurers would help policyholders get smooth cashless treatment everywhere. Such uniformity would also improve service quality, reduce paperwork, and ease administrative pressure on hospitals.

GeM welcomes delegation from 23 ITEC partner countries

NEW DELHI

A group of senior government officers from 23 ITEC partner countries visited the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) headquarters on Friday to gain a deeper understanding of India's fast-advancing digital procurement system. The visit, involving 24 delegates, was organised under a capacity-building programme created through an MoU between GeM and the Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM).

According to the Commerce Ministry, the visit marked an important step in strengthening global cooperation in digital public procurement reforms. Officials said the initiative reflects the shared aim of GeM and AJNIFM to promote learning, innovation, and procurement excellence across borders. The engagement offered participants a clear view of how India has transformed its public procurement process using technology, transparency, and standardised systems.

GeM CEO Mihir Kumar said the platform strives to create a procurement network that is both efficient and inclusive. He noted that when buyers and sellers interact in a fair, transparent online marketplace, it leads to stronger outcomes for the entire country. Delegates were introduced to GeM's digital architecture, best practices, and the key results achieved across various sectors since its launch.

The programme also highlighted the drawbacks of traditional procurement systems, such as delays and limited transparency.

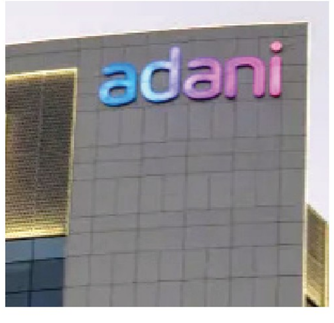
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DRIVE

Adani Group unveils massive investment plan for AP

VISAKHAPATNAM

The Adani Group announced a major expansion plan in Andhra Pradesh, revealing that it will invest Rs 1 lakh crore over the next ten years across key sectors such as ports, cement, energy, data centres, and advanced manufacturing. This new commitment comes in addition to the Rs 40,000 crore the Group has already invested in the state in areas like logistics, infrastructure, ports, cement, and renewable energy.

Speaking at the Andhra Pradesh Investor Summit, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) Managing Director Karan Adani shared the company's ambitious vision for the future. He unveiled the Group's $15-billion Vizag Tech Park project, which aims to build one of the world's largest green-powered hyperscale data-centre ecosystems. The project is being developed in partnership with Google, marking a major step in India's digital and technological growth. Karan Adani



said the Group's ongoing operations in Andhra Pradesh have already generated over one lakh direct and indirect jobs, with more large-scale employment expected from upcoming projects. He praised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, calling him "an institution and the original CEO of Andhra Pradesh," and commended Minister Nara Lokesh for encouraging efficiency, technological progress, and a start-up-driven approach to governance. He described Andhra Pradesh as more than just an investment location, calling it a "launchpad for India's next decade of transformation." He said the Vizag Tech Park is designed to strengthen the nation's digital independence by using clean energy and advanced technology.

Karan Adani added that the greatest impact of these investments will be the opportunities created for local people — more jobs, improved skills, and stronger economic growth for families across the state.

The Group plans to scale up its efforts in the years ahead, signaling long-term commitment to Andhra Pradesh's development.

ISHA KOPPIKAR champions communication in parenting

The actor says she focuses on confidence, kindness, and emotional strength rather than following traditional expectations

Actress Isha Koppikar shared her heartfelt thoughts on modern parenting this Children's Day, explaining how open communication, trust, and emotional awareness guide her journey as a mother, she said she avoids strict, fear-based methods and instead encourages her daughter Rianna to understand her feelings and learn from everyday experiences. Isha explained that she focuses on confidence, kindness, and emotional strength rather than following traditional expectations. She said she tries to guide her daughter through honest conversations instead of control. When Rianna faces challenges, Isha encourages her to think through the situation, find solutions, and reflect on what she feels, rather than simply following instructions. The actress shared that every night they talk about their day—the good, the mistakes, and the lessons learned. She believes showing her own flaws helps her daughter see that strength includes honesty, compassion, and the willingness to grow. According to her, parenting is not about perfection but about creating a bond built on trust and understanding. Speaking about her hopes for Rianna, Isha said she wants her to grow up feeling safe, loved, and free to choose her own path in life. She wishes for her daughter to know her worth and believe she can become anything she dreams of.

Isha welcomed Rianna in July 2014 with her former husband, Timmy Narang. The actress, known for films across several languages, made her debut with the Tamil movie "Kaadhal Kavithai," which won her the Filmfare Best Female Debut Award.

'Love Never Dies'

Just as the title 'Premam Madhuram' suggests, the story revolves around love and romance. The film contains situations that today's youth will easily connect with. In everyone's life, love either succeeds or fails. This applies to all. As we watch, many incidents we experienced or witnessed during our school and college days come back vividly before our eyes.

The film shows what love looks like at three different stages of life. Even though it doesn't try to say anything entirely new, certain aspects of love manage to capture our attention. It also portrays what goes on in the glamorous world and the struggles new talents face when they enter the industry.

In the end, the message to young lovers is that love is eternal,it has no death. How the love story between Vikram, Meghana, and Charmi concludes can be known only by watching the film in the theatre.

Gandhi.A.B., who has taken on the dual responsibility of Director and lead actor, has handled both roles neatly. In his very first attempt, he succeeds in creating scenes that do not feel boring. Heroines Aishwarya Dinesh and Anusha Jain look charming on screen. Lapangaraj, an artist from North Karnataka, entertains with dialogues in the local dialect. Likewise, Sihi Kahi Chandru, Rajeswari, Anoop Agastya, and others do justice to their roles. Two songs by Vishal Aalap stand out as pleasant to listen to. Producer Aragonda Shekhar Reddy can be credited with giving the audience a good film.

Priyanka Chopra calls Hyderabad biryani world's best

Global star Priyanka Chopra, currently shooting for SS Rajamouli's much-anticipated film GlobeTrotter, has praised Hyderabad for its food and warm hospitality. The actress has been filming in the city since January 2025 and has explored many corners of Hyderabad and its surroundings.

During a recent fan interaction on X (formerly Twitter), Priyanka spoke fondly about her collaboration with Mahesh Babu and the close bond she shares with both his family and Rajamouli's family. She even visited Rajamouli's farm, located about 50 km from Hyderabad, where she enjoyed spending time with a calf and experiencing the serene countryside.

Describing her experience on the film as "adiripoyindi," Priyanka revealed that she has thoroughly enjoyed every moment of working on the project. When asked about her favorite Hyderabad food, she didn't hesitate to declare, "Hyderabad biryani is the best in the world!"

In GlobeTrotter, Priyanka plays the character Mandakini. The first look poster of her role has already created a buzz among fans, heightening anticipation for the film. Her candid comments and excitement about both the city and the project reflect her genuine appreciation for local culture and the collaborative spirit on set.

'MAD' fame Gouri Priya shines in two films

Actress Sri Gouri Priya, who gained fame with the show MAD, is keeping busy with two promising Telugu projects. On her birthday, both film teams released special posters to celebrate her milestone. In Chennai Love Story, she stars opposite Kiran Abbavaram. Written by Sai Rajesh and co-produced by SKN, the film is generating buzz, especially following Kiran Abbavaram's recent hit K-Ramp. Sources say Gouri Priya plays a strong, pivotal role in the romantic drama, adding depth to the story.

Her second project, Visa, produced by Sithara Entertainments, casts her as an NRI girl alongside Rahul Vijay. The film promises to showcase her versatility and charm in a completely different character.

With consecutive projects in Telugu cinema and a growing presence in Tamil through her web series and the film Lover, Sri Gouri Priya's career appears to be on a steady upward trajectory. Her choices reflect a mix of strong roles and commercial appeal, making her one of the rising stars to watch in South Indian cinema.

Fans and industry insiders are excited to see how she juggles these two films and further establishes herself as a leading actress in both Telugu and Tamil entertainment.

Nani's 'The Paradise' faces major challenge ahead

Actor Nani's upcoming film The Paradise, touted as his most ambitious and expensive project yet, is facing a tough challenge as it gears up for a March 26, 2026 release. Set in the historic era of Secunderabad, Nani plays Jadalu, a rugged character with braided hair and tattoos, including one bold tattoo on his hand that reads "ba**rd."

Directed by Srikanth Odela of Dasara fame and produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri, the film is currently being shot across Hyderabad. Key sequences featuring Nani, Mohan Babu, and Sonali Kulkarni are underway, but the production faces a pressing hurdle—none of the songs have been recorded yet. Music director Anirudh Ravichander, who is handling multiple high-profile projects like Jailer 2 and King, is taking time to complete the soundtrack. Meanwhile, competitor Ram Charan's Peddi has already released its first song, Chikiri Chikiri, which is trending online, adding pressure on The Paradise team to speed up music production. Director Odela is currently in Chennai coordinating music sessions with Anirudh.

The film is being planned for a global release, with earlier reports suggesting talks with Hollywood star Ryan Reynolds as a presenter to expand its international reach, though no official update has emerged.

CHADWICK BOSEMAN honoured with Hollywood star posthumously

Late actor Chadwick Boseman will be honoured with a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame five years after his passing at age 43. The ceremony is scheduled for November 20 at 6904 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles. Boseman's wife, Simone Ledward-Boseman, will accept the award on his behalf, while filmmaker Ryan Coogler and actress Viola Davis, both longtime collaborators, are set to speak at the event. Ana Martinez, producer of the Hollywood Walk of Fame, said in a statement that Boseman's "powerful performances and enduring impact both on and off screen continue to inspire generations around the world."

Boseman built a celebrated career portraying iconic figures in Black American history. He earned widespread acclaim for playing Jackie Robinson in 42, James Brown in Get On Up, and Thurgood Marshall, the first Black U.S. Supreme Court Justice, in Marshall. His performance as troubled trumpet player Levee Green in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom earned him a posthumous Academy Award nomination in 2021 and wins at the Golden Globe, Critics' Choice, and Screen Actors Guild Awards. Among Marvel fans, Boseman became a global icon for his role as T'Challa, the superhero Black Panther, in the blockbuster franchise directed by Ryan Coogler. His legacy continues to resonate both on the big screen and beyond, inspiring audiences and actors worldwide.

The Walk of Fame star will serve as a lasting tribute to Boseman's talent, dedication, and the cultural impact he made during his brief but extraordinary career.

Ankit Siwach's dialogue strikes deep with fans

Actor Ankit Siwach is thrilled by the growing craze around his powerful dialogue from the trailer of Farhan Akhtar's upcoming drama 120 Bahadur. Since the trailer's release, one line spoken by Ankit has taken social media by storm. The dialogue, in which he expresses devotion, bravery, and the spirit of a soldier, has become widely shared and discussed by fans online.

Ankit said the overwhelming response feels like a dream come true. He shared that every actor hopes for moments where their performance touches people so deeply. According to him, the line has connected with audiences because it reflects pure emotions tied to loyalty, sacrifice, and love for the country. He recalled shooting the scene in freezing weather, but also feeling a strong emotion that rose beyond acting and made the moment unforgettable.

Legendary actress Kamini Kaushal passes away at 98

Veteran actress Kamini Kaushal, one of Indian cinema's most respected and long-lived stars, passed away on Friday at the age of 98. Family friends said she had been dealing with age-related health issues and that her loved ones have asked for privacy as they cope with the loss. Born in Lahore as the youngest of five siblings, Kaushal made a mark early in her career with "Neecha Nagar," the film that won the Palme d'Or at the 1946 Cannes Film Festival. Through the decades, she went on to act in more than 90 films and became a familiar face to generations of moviegoers. Her standout works included "Shaheed," "Nadiya Ke Paar," "Shabnam," "Aarzoo," and "Biraj Bahu," along with noted films such as "Do Bhai," "Ziddi," "Paras," "Namoona," "Aabroo," and "Godaan."

Kaushal was admired for her natural screen presence and for her work with legendary actors like Dilip Kumar, Raj Kapoor, Dev Anand, and Ashok Kumar. Her on-screen partnership with Dilip Kumar, especially in films like "Shaheed" and "Aarzoo," won widespread praise. She also reached audiences through television, most memorably with the Doordarshan show "Chand Sitare." Even in her later years, she remained connected to films, appearing in "Laal Singh Chaddha" in 2022.

Kamini Kaushal is survived by her sons Shravan, Vidur, and Rahul Sood. Her colleagues remembered her as gentle, disciplined, and deeply devoted to her craft.

Bumrah's five-for lights up Eden as India seizes control of first test

Jasprit Bumrah's fiery five-wicket haul turned the opening day firmly India's way

KOLKATA

Jasprit Bumrah produced a spell of high-class fast bowling to claim a superb five-wicket haul and dismantle South Africa for 159 on Day 1 of the first Test at Eden Gardens on Friday. In front of a roaring crowd of nearly 35,000, the Indian spearhead changed the course of the innings the moment he took the ball at the Clubhouse End.

South Africa's openers Aiden Markram and Ryan Rickelton had begun confidently, racing to 57 without loss as India searched desperately for a breakthrough. Bumrah delivered instantly, going around the wicket to remove Rickelton with precision before unleashing a sharp, rising delivery that forced Markram to glove behind. With minimal assistance from the surface, his relentless accuracy and attacking lengths made him unplayable.

Bumrah's return spell proved just as destructive. Tony de Zorzi, well set and batting fluently, was trapped by one that skidded back in. Kyle Verreynne then faced a searing yorker first ball, surviving only by inches. The pressure was unrelenting, and Bumrah eventually cleaned up the tail to complete his 16th Test five-wicket haul—and his first at Eden Gardens.

Since 2018, Bumrah has dismissed more Test openers than any bowler in the world, a reflection of his unmatched potency with the new ball and old. His Test average of 19.67—earned across conditions in Asia, Australia, England and South Africa—underscores his stature as one of modern cricket's most complete fast bowlers.

Former India batting coach Sanjay Bangar praised Bumrah's immaculate control, noting how he offers almost no scoring opportunities with his stump-to-stump consistency.

A brief on-field exchange during a DRS discussion involving a remark picked up on the stump mic created some online chatter, but it did little to overshadow the day.

On a pitch offering variable bounce and early reverse swing, Bumrah stamped his authority, sending the crowd into a frenzy and putting India firmly in command of the contest.

Vaibhav Suryavanshi Fires 32-Ball Ton in Tournament Opener

DOHA

Vaibhav Suryavanshi produced a sensational batting display, hammering a 32-ball hundred to equal the joint-second fastest T20 century by an Indian, during India's Rising Stars Asia Cup match against the UAE at the West End Park International Cricket Stadium in Doha on Friday.

Walking out to open India's campaign, Suryavanshi showed intent from the very first over, unleashing an array of fearless strokes across the ground. His innings was fuelled by 10 fours and nine towering sixes, a clean striking effort that left the UAE bowlers with no answers. The right-hander mixed timing with raw power, often stepping out to loft over long-on or backing away to carve shots over point, maintaining a relentless scoring tempo throughout his knock.

Suryavanshi's 32-ball effort places him behind only Urvil Patel and Abhishek Sharma, the joint record-holders for the fastest T20 hundreds by an Indian, both achieving the milestone in 28 balls. His innings also provided India with an ideal start to the multi-nation youth competition, injecting confidence into a team eager to make a strong early impression.

Young opener Vaibhav Suryavanshi lit up India's tournament opener with a blistering century.

The pitch in Doha offered true bounce and value for shots—conditions Suryavanshi capitalised on brilliantly. Despite the UAE bowlers' attempts to alter pace and length, he continued to dominate, frequently clearing the infield and forcing the opposition captain to spread the field as early as the third over.

Beyond its statistical significance, the knock further elevates Suryavanshi's reputation as one of India's most exciting young batters. His ability to accelerate instantly, maintain control under pressure, and convert a flying start into a monumental score will hearten the Indian team management as the tournament progresses.

India will hope this commanding beginning sets the tone for a successful Rising Stars Asia Cup campaign, with Suryavanshi's whirlwind hundred already emerging as one of the tournament's standout early highlights.

Kylian Mbappé, Olise Shine as France Seal 2026 World Cup Berth

PARIS

France stormed into the 2026 FIFA World Cup with a commanding 4-0 victory over Ukraine in Paris, a night that blended footballing excellence with poignant remembrance. Kylian Mbappé struck twice, while Michael Olise and Hugo Ekitike added one each, ensuring Les Bleus confirmed qualification with a game to spare.

A minute's silence preceded kick-off at Parc des Princes as 41,000 spectators honoured victims of the 2015 Paris attacks. France, led by long-serving coach Didier Deschamps, responded with a composed display that underlined their consistency on the global stage.

Mbappé opened the scoring early in the second half, calmly converting a penalty after Olise was fouled. Olise, thriving in a more central role, doubled the lead in the 76th minute with a sharp turn and finish.

Mbappé's brace and Olise's brilliance power France into the 2026 World Cup.

The momentum stayed with France as Mbappé added his second, taking his international tally to 55—just two behind Olivier Giroud's all-time record. Ekitike then completed the rout with his first senior international goal.

Deschamps, set to lead France for the final time at the upcoming World Cup, expressed satisfaction at meeting the team's primary objective. With an unassailable lead in Group D, France extended their remarkable qualification streak, having featured in every World Cup since 1998.

Though the qualifying campaign had occasional dips, notably a draw against Iceland, France rediscovered fluency when it mattered. As they await the December 5 draw in Washington, D.C., Ukraine and Iceland now face a decisive clash to keep their hopes alive through the playoffs.

Ronaldo's red card puts his 2026 World Cup participation under serious threat

Ronaldo Risks World Cup Ban after Red Card in Defeat to Ireland

DUBLIN

Cristiano Ronaldo could face a suspension that threatens his participation in the opening match of the 2026 FIFA World Cup after being sent off during Portugal's 2-0 defeat to Ireland in a crucial qualifying match on Thursday. The veteran forward received a red card in the second half for elbowing Ireland defender Dara O'Shea, an incident that now places him at risk of a multi-match FIFA ban.

Ronaldo will automatically miss Portugal's next qualifier against Armenia on Sunday, where a win would secure their place at the World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico. However, FIFA's disciplinary regulations stipulate a minimum two-match suspension for serious foul play, and at least three matches for violent conduct or assault—categories under which elbowing can fall. Any suspension he receives would apply only to competitive fixtures, meaning it cannot be served in warm-up games before the tournament.

The flashpoint occurred around the hour mark at Dublin's Aviva Stadium, with Ireland leading 2-0. As players awaited a cross, Ronaldo spun and struck O'Shea with his elbow, initially earning a yellow card before the referee upgraded it to a red following a pitchside video review. The Portugal star reacted with a wry smile, later clapping sarcastically toward jeering Irish fans as he left the field.

Ronaldo, who turns 41 in February, hopes to feature in his sixth World Cup—a record achievement if realized. The tournament draw will take place on December 5 in Washington, D.C., where Portugal, provided they qualify, will learn their group-stage opponents.

Joseph Parker Returns Positive Test for Cocaine

LONDON

Former heavyweight world champion Joseph Parker has failed a drugs test after traces of cocaine were detected in a sample submitted to the Voluntary Anti-Doping Agency (VADA). A source confirmed the development on Friday, revealing that the test was conducted on the same day as Parker's bout against Britain's Fabio Wardley last month.

The result, which only came to light this week, casts a shadow over Parker's recent resurgence in the heavyweight division. The 33-year-old New Zealander entered the fight in exceptional form, having won six consecutive contests since his punishing 2022 defeat to Joe Joyce. That run included high-profile victories over Deontay Wilder and Zhilei Zhang, as well as capturing the WBO interim title.

Wardley ultimately defeated Parker in a surprise result, and the failed test now raises serious questions about the former champion's future. VADA notified all relevant parties on Thursday evening, according to a statement released by Frank Warren's Queensbury Promotions. "Joseph Parker returned an adverse finding following an anti-doping test conducted on October 25 in relation to his bout with Fabio Wardley. While the matter is investigated further, no additional comment will be made at this time," the statement read.

Sky Sports News has contacted Parker's management team for comment, though no response has yet been issued. Parker, who lost his WBO belt to Anthony Joshua in 2018, had positioned himself as the mandatory challenger for undisputed champion Oleksandr Usyk.

Kartik Kumar Accepts 3-Yr Ban after Multiple Positive Tests

KOLKATA

Long-distance runner Kartik Kumar, a Hangzhou Asian Games silver medallist in the 10,000m, has accepted a three-year ban after testing positive for multiple prohibited substances during an out-of-competition test conducted in the United States. The 26-year-old, who had been training in Colorado Springs, was tested by the USA Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) following a tip-off.

Kartik was part of a training group under noted coach Scott Simmons, working alongside fellow long-distance star Gulveer Singh and other elite athletes. His sample returned adverse findings for several banned substances, prompting USADA to place him under provisional suspension. The Athletics Integrity Unit and Indian authorities were subsequently informed of the violation.

Alcaraz Seals Year-End No. 1 Spot with Commanding Win

TORINO

Carlos Alcaraz needed less than 90 minutes to wrap up the year-ending No. 1 ranking in men's tennis, completing a commanding 6-4, 6-1 victory over Italy's Lorenzo Musetti at the ATP Finals. The win ensured the Spaniard topped his group and finished ahead of rival Jannik Sinner in the year-end standings.

Alcaraz, who entered the tournament needing three victories to guarantee the top spot, delivered exactly that, sweeping all his group-stage matches. "It means the world to me," he said. "At the start of the year, No. 1 felt far away with Jannik winning everything. But from mid-season onward, I believed it was possible. I'm proud of my team and myself." This marks the second time the 22-year-old has ended a season at No. 1, having first achieved the feat in 2022 at just 19, making him the youngest man to do so. Despite initial nerves, Alcaraz settled quickly and silenced the partisan Italian crowd, sealing the match on his third match point.

KOLKATA

Rabada Ruled Out of First India Test with Rib Injury

South Africa fast bowler Kagiso Rabada has been ruled out of the first Test against India at Eden Gardens after suffering a rib injury during the team's opening training session. His availability for the second Test in Guwahati remains uncertain. Rabada underwent a scan the day after sustaining the injury and attended Wednesday's training, though his workload was unclear. He skipped Thursday's optional session and failed a fitness test on Friday morning, prompting a late decision to withdraw him from the XI. All-rounder Corbin Bosch replaced Rabada, joining Marco Jansen and Wiaan Mulder in South Africa's three-man pace attack. With Lungi Ngidi omitted for the subcontinent tours.

NEW DELHI

Ghazanfar Credits Hardik's Support, Hopes for MI Retention

Afghanistan's 19-year-old mystery spinner Allah Ghazanfar hopes his strong international progress over the past year will convince Mumbai Indians to retain him ahead of the 2026 IPL season. Ghazanfar missed his debut opportunity last year due to a back injury but says regular motivation from MI captain Hardik Pandya kept him going. "Hardik bhai stayed in touch and motivated me a lot," Ghazanfar said, adding that he also had valuable discussions with teammate Tilak Varma. Now fully fit, he is set to play in the Rising Stars Asia Cup in Doha. Reflecting on a taxing year that included his Test debut, Ghazanfar said he has become wiser and stronger.

NEW DELHI

Rohit to Lead India at Junior World Cup 2025

Hockey India announced the 18-member squad for the FIH Junior Men's World Cup 2025, naming defender and drag-flicker Rohit as captain. The tournament will be held from November 28 to December 10 in Chennai and Madurai, with India placed in Pool B alongside Chile, Switzerland, and Oman. Coached by former India goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, the squad blends experience and emerging talent. India, however, will miss key forward Araijeet Singh Hundal, ruled out with a shoulder injury. The goalkeeping duties will be shared by Bikramjit Singh and Princedeep Singh, while Rohit anchors a strong defence featuring Amir Ali, Anmol Ekka, and Shardanand Tiwari.

Let Blind Cricket Gain Global Recognition: Hebbalkar

Minister said, state has led the way in promoting inclusivity and equal opportunities

BENGALURU

Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar expressed hope that blind cricket tournaments, which empower especially abled children, will gain well-deserved global recognition. She was speaking after inaugurating the first-ever Blind Women's T20 World Cup at the Samprasiddhi Ground in Thirumenahalli, Bengaluru. Addressing the gathering, the minister highlighted the challenges faced by visually impaired players. She noted that even individuals with full physical ability and clear eyesight often struggle to participate in sports. "For children with visual impairment, stepping onto the field and playing cricket requires extraordinary courage and determination. Their efforts are truly inspiring," she said.

Hebbalkar added that Bengaluru hosting a significant portion of this prestigious international tournament is a matter of immense pride for Karnataka. The state, she said, has consistently led the way in promoting inclusivity and equal opportunities in sports. She assured that the Women and Child Development Department would extend complete support to initiatives that uplift especially abled athletes and encourage their participation at all levels.

Minister Watches India–Nepal Match

Following the inauguration, Hebbalkar watched a segment of the match between India and Nepal. She applauded both teams, cheering enthusiastically to motivate the players. Later, she briefly joined the commentary team, adding to the excitement of the event.

The occasion was attended by Samarthanam Trust founder Dr. Mahantesh, along with several dignitaries, organisers, and supporters of blind cricket. Their presence reflected the growing recognition and support for visually impaired athletes in India and beyond.

With the successful launch of the Blind Women's T20 World Cup, organisers hope the platform will inspire many more players and pave the way for global appreciation of blind cricket.

Winning a Series in Ind Would Rank Below WTC Title: Bavuma

KOLKATA

South Africa captain Temba Bavuma believes that winning a Test series in India would be the team's biggest achievement after their World Test Championship (WTC) triumph earlier this year. Bavuma said conquering India remains a long-standing ambition for the Proteas.

"Winning the World Test Championship—there's not much that can top that. But right behind it would be winning in India," Bavuma said on the eve of the series opener. "It's not something that has eluded us, but it's something we haven't been able to achieve for a very long time. We understand the magnitude of the challenge."

He added that many players in the current squad carried "moments of hurt" from previous tours and were determined to prove themselves. "It's exciting when you look at the makeup of both teams. India have fantastic players but also a bit of inexperience. Similarly, our guys want to measure themselves against the best in the world."

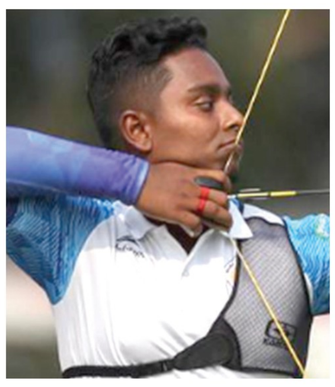
Bavuma says conquering India in Tests would be South Africa's next greatest milestone

Bavuma returns to the national Test side after a lengthy injury break, having regained fitness during South Africa A's four-day match against India A in Bengaluru. The skipper said spending time in the middle was crucial for his confidence. "Getting back on the field, proving my fitness, and batting for long periods was important."

He also welcomed the opportunity to face India's left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav for the first time. "I'd rather face him in the A game than here in Kolkata—if he plays. He's not a big turner, but he's deceptive off the pitch and a genuine wicket-taker."

With no Boxing Day Test this year, Bavuma said the India series carries added significance. "This becomes our festive season. It's disappointing for players and fans, but we'll make the most of it. Back home there's a renewed appreciation for the Proteas."

South Africa now aim to script a historic triumph on Indian soil—a feat they have long pursued but never accomplished.



Asian Archery Championship: Indian Recurve Men Stun S Korea

DHAKA

The Indian men's recurve team clinched a historic gold at the Asian Archery Championship, defeating South Korea in a tense shoot-off to win their first title since 2007. Yashdeep Bhoge, Atanu Das and Rahul rallied from 2-4 down to edge out a strong Korean trio of Seo Mingi, Kim Yechan and Jang Jiho. Both teams shot 29 in the shoot-off, but India prevailed after Atanu delivered a perfect 10 closer to the centre.

The win lifted India's tally to four gold and two silver medals, following a dominant compound performance led by Jyothi Surekha Vennam, who claimed two golds. For coach Rahul Banerjee, part of the 2007 champion team, the victory was deeply emotional. India remain in medal contention with several recurve archers reaching the semifinals.

PAK-SL SECURITY

Pak Hands SL Team's Security to Army after Islamabad Blasts

ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan government has handed over the security of the visiting Sri Lankan cricket team to the Army and paramilitary forces after several players expressed a desire to return home following the serial bomb blasts that struck Islamabad earlier this week.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman and Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi confirmed that the team is now under state-level protection, with the Army, Rangers and police jointly overseeing all security arrangements. Naqvi said the decision came after the Sri Lankan squad agreed to continue the tour following the intervention of Pakistan's Army Chief, General Asim Munir.

Naqvi told reporters in Rawalpindi that both the Sri Lankan government and its cricket board had displayed "immense support" and solidarity with Pakistan by not calling off the tour. He acknowledged that some Sri Lankan players were initially keen to return due to security concerns triggered by the Islamabad terror attack.

"The positive outcome was only achieved through sustained engagement between Pakistani and Sri Lankan leadership," Naqvi said. He added that Army Chief Munir had personally assured Sri Lanka's Defence Minister Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon of the team's safety. "The Field Marshal himself spoke to the Sri Lankan Defence Minister and Secretary, and I am grateful the players showed great bravery in deciding to remain in Pakistan," he noted.

Naqvi said he also held an extended meeting with the players to address their apprehensions, stressing that their well-being was the responsibility of the Pakistan government. Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, he added, also spoke directly to the squad to reassure them.

Pakistan are currently hosting Sri Lanka for a three-match ODI series, which will proceed as scheduled under heightened security.

MI strengthen squad with strategic trades ahead of IPL 2026

IPL 2026: MI Sign Thakur, Rutherford in Trade Window

MUMBAI

With the IPL 2026 player retention deadline nearing, Mumbai Indians (MI) boosted their squad by securing India pacer Shardul Thakur and West Indies batter Sherfane Rutherford in two significant trade-window moves. The five-time champions, aiming to rebuild after an inconsistent 2025 season, moved swiftly to finalize deals before the November 15 retention cut-off.

MI acquired Shardul Thakur from Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) for ₹2 crore in an all-cash deal. Thakur, who went unsold in the 2025 mega auction and was preparing for a county stint with Essex, was later drafted by LSG as an injury replacement for Mohsin Khan. Despite a bright start, picking up six wickets in his first two matches of IPL 2025, Thakur's form dipped as he finished the season with 13 wickets in 10 games at an economy of 11.02. MI are banking on his experience and proven ability as a wicket-taking middle-overs bowler.

The franchise also strengthened their middle order by bringing back Sherfane Rutherford, signing him from Gujarat Titans (GT) for ₹2.6 crore. Rutherford played 13 matches for GT in 2025, scoring 291 runs at an average of 32.22 and an impressive strike rate of 157.29. Although he was previously part of MI's title-winning 2020 squad, he did not feature in any games that season.

His explosive batting and finishing skills are expected to add depth to MI's lineup.

In another move, MI traded left-arm pacer Arjun Tendulkar to LSG for ₹30 lakh. Tendulkar, who debuted in IPL 2023, has played five matches overall, taking three wickets at an economy of 9.36.

With the auction set for December 14–17 in Abu Dhabi, MI's early trade activity signals their intent to reshape the squad for a stronger 2026 campaign.

NEW DELHI

Sumit Nagal Secures Chinese Visa for AO Playoff

India's top men's tennis player Sumit Nagal has received his Chinese visa, clearing the way for him to compete in the Australian Open Playoff starting November 24 in Chengdu. Nagal shared his gratitude on X, thanking Indian and Chinese authorities for expediting the process after his initial visa application was rejected without explanation.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian later stated that visas are issued to athletes according to regulations, expressing hope that all required documents would be submitted promptly.

The Playoff serves as a qualification pathway into the 2026 Australian Open main draw. Ranked 275, Nagal now depends on qualifiers or wild cards for Grand Slams, having dropped out of the top 100. He last played a Slam main draw at the 2025 Australian Open.

KARACHI

Pakistan Cricket Board Declines Bangladesh's Proposal for Tri-Series

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has turned down an invitation from the Bangladesh Cricket Board to take part in a December triangular T20 series also involving Sri Lanka. A PCB official said the board preferred to manage player workload, especially since several key cricketers have been granted NOCs to participate in overseas leagues. Top players, including Babar Azam, Mohammad Rizwan, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf and Shadab Khan, are committed to the Big Bash League, while others such as Fakhar Zaman will feature in the Emirates International League. Although Pakistan has no international fixtures in December and January, the PCB had already prioritised league participation.

DHAKA

Ankita Bhakat Shocks Olympic Medallist to Win Asian Archery Gold

India's Ankita Bhakat scripted the biggest victory of her career, defeating Paris Olympics silver-medallist Nam Suhyeon of South Korea 7-3 to clinch the women's recurve gold at the Asian Archery Championships on Friday. Ankita opened strongly, taking the first set with two 10s and maintained composure in the decider to seal the title. India also claimed the women's recurve bronze as Sangeeta edged past five-time Olympian Deepika Kumari 6-5 in a tense shoot-off. Earlier, Ankita had beaten Deepika in the semifinals. The win marks a major breakthrough for Ankita and adds to India's growing medal tally at the continental event.

KUMAMOTO

Lakshya Sen Enters Quarters, Prannoy Bows Out in Japan Masters

India had mixed results at the Kumamoto Masters Japan as Lakshya Sen reached the quarterfinals while HS Prannoy exited in the second round. Seventh seed Lakshya dominated Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh 21-13, 21-11 in 39 minutes, showing sharp control and tactical discipline. After pulling away from 14-13 in the first game, he completely dictated the second with an early 5-0 lead. He will next face former world champion Loh Kean Yew. Prannoy, however, lost 18-21, 15-21 to Denmark's Rasmus Gemke, leaving India's men's singles hopes resting on Lakshya's strong form.

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